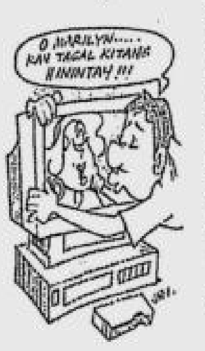
Brazil beats Germany, 2-0, captures World Cup

STORY IN SPORTS, PAGE A24

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

Marilyn sings in video


O MARILYN....
KAY TAGAL KITANG
HININTAY !!!

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts—Marilyn Monroe died a generation before karaoke, digital animation and the pop singer Dido's race onto Billboard's Top Ten.

But in an eerie video clip created by

MARILYN/A21

WHAT'S INSIDE

- **Napocor rescinds deal with Sumitomo**
  BUSINESS / B1
- **OIC sending review team**
  NEWS / A4
- **South, North Korea Navy boats clash**
  WORLD / A9

e-mail: feedback@inquirer.com.ph

Monday, July 1, 2002 ★ ~~82~~ 84 pages / 6 sections / vol.17 / no. 203 P15

website: www.inq7.net

Gloria will accept Tito's resignation

Palace tells VP: Just say when

By Carlito Pablo

JUST say when.

Malacañang yesterday said it would accept the resignation of Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr. as foreign secretary as soon as he says it was time for him to go.

Acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable said President Macapagal-Arroyo would likely accept Guingona's resignation.

"Yes, I suppose so," Afable said.

Afable, also the chief of the Presidential Management Staff, said acceptance was not an issue, the Vice President having discussed his resignation with the President on the evening of June 26.

"I was already aware of it. It has been known within the Palace that he was quitting," he said.

"So he just confirmed it," Afable added, apparently referring to yesterday's exclusive story in the INQUIRER by editorial consultant Amando Doronila, which said the Vice President's resignation was already a "foregone conclusion."

Guingona, whose "I accuse" privilege speech in 2000 paved the way for the ouster of Joseph Estrada in January 2001, is likely to give up the Department of Foreign Affairs portfolio before Congress opens its second regular session on July 22.

But, Afable stressed, until Guingona finally calls it quits, "he is still the secretary of foreign affairs."

He also emphasized that "the Vice President cannot be removed" unilaterally by the President—that is, as the country's second highest official. Afable did not say what other government positions will be offered to Guingona.

"I don't know how the situation stands," he said.

Malacañang's "shabby treatment" of Guingona has already taken its toll on the administration party, Lakas-NUCD.

A party insider said the cavalier way in which Guingona had been treated—his resignation had been accepted even though he had not yet resigned—disappointed the party's rank and file.

"People from the rank and file are

GLORIA/A20

A POLICE narcotics investigator presents evidence of money bills allegedly offered by Manila-based cops as bribe to their Baguio City counterparts for the release of two drug suspects.

TOOTS SOBERANO/PDI NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU

Baguio cops turn down ₱200,000 bribe of Manila cops

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—Local narcotics policemen turned down a P200,000 bribe offer allegedly made by Manila-based police officers on Sunday morning in exchange for drug suspects who were arrested here on Saturday afternoon.

Senior Insp. Marcos Eblahan Jr., chief of the 14th Regional Narcotics Office, asked Western Police District (WPD) officials in Manila to track down Insp. Luis Chico and 12 other policemen for the bribery attempt.

Chico and his colleagues went to the office of the Philippine National Police's Narcotics Group (Narcgroup) here on Sunday, following the arrest of two suspects in a buy-bust operation in Shangrila Village along Naguilian Road.

Reports said Marcelo de Juaiting, 40, a businessman from San Rafael, Bulacan; and his driver, Poncilito Cruz, 40, were caught with P4,000 in marked money in the buy-bust operation.

Rafael Lumba, 38, owner of the house where De Juaiting and Cruz were arrested, was also detained and charged with illegal drug possession.

The policemen confiscated from the suspects 450 grams of methamphet-

BAGUIO/A21

Deficit, politics mar investor faith in RP

HONG KONG—Six months back, emerging market debt investors were jostling to grab a slice of Philippine dollar bonds, the bellwether of high yield Asian credits.

But now they are dashing to the market to sell them as Manila's rising political risk profile, soaring fiscal deficit, unstable domestic yields and vulnerability to the Brazilian debt contagion is eroding their faith in Philippine assets.

"The Philippines has been hit by a decline in global risk appetite, especially Latin America, and concerns about the fiscal deficit," said Ben Yuen, associate director for investment at First State Investment (Asia) Ltd.

"We already reduced our holdings of the sovereign bonds," said Yuen, who manages about $900 million of Asian bonds.

Philippine dollar bonds have been Asia's worst performing credits in the last month.

Spreads on Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT) bonds due 2009 have blown out by 139 basis points in the past month to 684 bps over US Treasuries, while spreads on Philippine sovereign bonds due 2025 widened by 119 bps to 499 bps over.

DEFICIT/A20

The baby who didn't exist and other tales of true crime

By John Nery and Ceres Doyo

(First of two parts)

FORENSIC FAILURES
An **I-TEAM** *Report*

(Editors' Note: Almost eight months after the brutal slaying of popular actress Nida Blanca, the sensational case remains unsolved. Short of an eyewitness showing up, the solution depends on "forensic" evidence. But the woeful state of forensic investigation in the country bodes ill for the famous case, and others like it.)

BEFORE sunrise on Aug. 12 last year, in Barangay Pasong Putik in Novaliches, Quezon City, a man on his way to work heard a baby's cry. The sound came from somewhere near the barangay hall. Curious, the man went closer, and found on the roadside a newly born baby stuffed inside a French Baker plastic bag.

The abandoned baby girl—rushed to the Mary Queens Medical Clinic—was 2-3 months premature. Within 24 hours she was dead.

The autopsy of "Baby Girl X" was conducted at the Philippine General Hospital, where the finding was "probable multifactorial asphyxia," including hypothermia. In layman's terms, this meant she had

THE BABY/A20

Death becomes her: A Soco officer's life

By Alcuin Papa

POLICE Supt. Ma. Cristina Freyra will be the first to admit her job is not easy. There is, for example, the pressure of sensational cases.

In a span of two weeks late last year, Freyra and the Scene of Crime Operations (Soco) unit she heads at the Eastern Police District (EPD) found themselves blinking in the spotlight, after three violent cases—the ambush of Laguna Mayor Bernardo Sarayot, the killing of veteran actress Nida Blanca and the suicide of Ma. Theresa Carlson—came their way.

DEATH/A20

EYE-OPENER

PUP rejects blind scholars

By Donna S. Cueto

HOW'S this for an eye-opener? Seven college students with a scholarship from no less than President Macapagal-Arroyo have been denied entry into the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), simply because they are blind.

Aideline Versoza, 18, is one of the seven. She started to lose her eyesight when she was 10, and the problem has deteriorated through the years. Rene Albao, 24, is a poet by heart. Unlike Versoza, he was born blind.

Albao and Versoza and five others were initially refused permission to take even the PUP entrance test. After a first dialogue with PUP officials on Feb. 7, they received the go-ahead, but when they returned to the PUP admissions office after the Department of Social Welfare and Development processed their scholarship papers, they were rejected anew.

A second dialogue in March, this time with PUP president Ofelia Carague, resulted in an agreement to let the students, aged between 18 and 24, take the entrance examination. But two months later, the situation changed again.

School officials told the seven the state university was not ready to accept blind students just yet. According to Ernesto Lucio, acting president of the Philippine Blind Union, the chief of the admissions office, Elena Abeleda, even told him to enroll the students in a "school for the blind" instead.

There are no colleges for the blind, because the idea has always been that a blind person who made it through high school should be able to integrate himself into "normal" colleges and universities.

The law is also unambiguous: The Magna Carta for Disabled Persons of 1992 mandates equal opportunity for persons with physical disabilities.

The PGMA scholarships earned by the seven students gave them a choice of two schools—PUP or the Technological University of the Philippines.

They chose the PUP because the

PUP/A21

BLIND scholars of President Macapagal-Arroyo assert their right to be educated at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines. (From left) Andrea Adremesin, Aideline Versoza, Joel Rescobar and Rene Albao.

JOAN BONDOC

Second FRONT PAGE

AY NAKU!
ANU BA YANG
GINAWA N'YO!

WWF bares Tubbataha 'walls of death'

By Gerald G. Lacuarta

A TEAM of wildlife conservationists has discovered 15-foot high mesh nets floating in depths of 20 to 40 feet in the lagoon of Tubbataha's South Atoll, forming "walls of death" for corals and other marine creatures.

World Wide Fund (WWF)-Philippines said its Palawan staff discovered the abandoned fishing nets, with a total length of over one kilometer, last May 25 while conducting research.

Found tangled among the nets were the skeletal remains of close to a hundred sea turtles, bone-white and completely stripped of flesh, leading scientists stationed at the Tubbataha Marine Park to believe that the nets had been there for at least two months.

Moreover, WWF president Lory Tan said the nets had been dropped in an area abundant with branching coral, breaking off huge chunks of primary growth.

"Considering that corals take decades to grow even just a few inches, these nets have destroyed easily one hundred years of coral development," Tan said.

Floaters attached to the nets and a buoy flag marker bore Chinese factory marks similar to the ones found on equipment confiscated from Chinese vessels apprehended in the area last February.

"This shocking discovery is an indication of low regard for Philippine laws and national parks. These environmental criminals should be locked up, along with their financiers," Tan said. "Twenty years in jail could never replace the bio-diversity within the Tubbataha Reef that they have so wantonly destroyed."

Tan said recovery operations of the nets begun in the first week of June, "but it has been a slow and tedious work." He said most of the nets were in areas where silt from the seabed contributed to low visibility.

Tubbataha Marine Park staff and rangers hope to finish removing the nets within the month.

The Chinese fishing crews have been held in Puerto Princesa since their capture four months ago. Charges filed against them by the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) included poaching and use of illegal and noxious substances.

Two minors in the group have been released, and the Palawan Commission on Illegal Entrants (PCIE) was considering a motion to release another 75-year-old crew member with a heart problem, but the PCSD objected to the motion.

"To discharge the accused on this basis would set a dangerous legal precedent that might run counter to the objectives of our criminal justice system," said Adelle Villena, PCSD legal counsel.

Foreign affairs officials from the Chinese province of Hainan are currently in Palawan, seeking a speedy trial.

Improve Your BUSINESS...
Upgrade Your PHONE!
WELCOME DEALERS
Prices from P 2,000 up to P 3,800
Also Available
PABX
4-Line
Interphone
2-Way Radio
EVERTEL PHILS., CORP.
Tel. #: 715-8114 • 715-7977
715-3857 • 715-8141
Bacolod (branch) 034-4332563
http://www.evertel.biz
Call for FREE DEMO!
Ever Tel

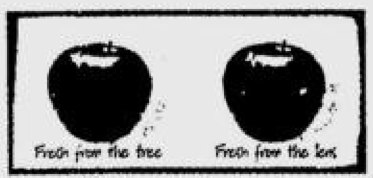
COPYSTAR OFFICE AUTOMATION
GET SHREDDER FOR EVERY PURCHASE OF COPIER
introducing CLEAR POWDER COPIER
RECONDITIONED
AMAZING 4-IN-1
COPIER • FAX • PRINTER • SCANNER
BRAND NEW
RICOH FT 3320 for only P16,000
Canon MPC 400 P30,500
Canon MPC 600 F P39,000
LAMINATOR P3,800
THERMAL BINDER P8,500
RING BINDER P8,000
Other copiers also available:
FT 3313, FT 4018, FT 4418
FT 4421, FT 4220, FT 4222
SALES: 899-7101 up to 04 / 899-7045 • 899-7075 to 76 • 899-7023
MAIN OFFICE: COPYSTAR Bldg. 948 J. P. Rizal Ave., near corner Makati Ave., Makati City
Fax: 895-7802 • CEBU OFFICE: 178 Sanslangko St., Cebu City ☎ 255-0504 • 256-3368 to 69
PAMPANGA: McArthur Hi-way, Dolores San. Fdo., Pampanga ☎ 963-5055 to 59 • Fax: 963-5059

WE'LL PROVIDE YOU NOT ONLY THE MACHINE BUT THE BUSINESS
PROFIT MORE WITH PURE FLOW QUALITY DRINKING WATER
TALK TO US... AFTER TALKING TO EVERYBODY ELSE
COMPLETE BUSINESS PACKAGE AT A VERY COMPETITIVE PRICE WITH NO ROYALTY NO FRANCHISE FEE
- START-UP TRAINING / SEMINAR
- AFTER SALES SERVICE
- FREE WATER TESTING
- FREE SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE
- FULL STOCK CONSUMABLE AND REPLACEMENT PARTS
- 16 STAGE REVERSE OSMOSIS PURIFICATION SYSTEM
- 3000 GALLONS PER DAY
- FULLY AUTOMATIC USA MADE PARTS SKID MOUNTED
- STAINLESS STEEL CONSTRUCTION / STAINLESS STEEL TANKS

GUARANTEED TECHNICAL & MARKETING SUPPORT:
- INSTALLATION
- STORE DESIGN / LAYOUT

Purity at its Best
ALSO AVAILABLE: REVERSE OSMOSIS WATER PURIFICATION COMPONENTS • ULTRA-VIOLET WATER STERILIZERS • WATER SOFTENERS • PRESSURE GAUGES • MEDIA FILTERS • FILTER HOUSINGS • MEMBRANES • FILTER CARTRIDGES • WRENCHES • HEX NIPPLES • CLIPS • BRACKETS • FILTER ACCESSORIES
Pure Flow Water System Co.
Tel. No. (632) 240-0431
Fax No. (632) 658-6091
www.pureflowater.com
sales@pureflowater.c
Address: Unit 1-A Editha Building Ortigas Avenue Ext., corner St. Joseph Cainta Rizal
Showroom at: Quezon City Tel. No. 931-6297 280 Tomas Morato Ave.
Variety of Systems Design Available to fit your Budget Starting at P270,000

Let's make impressions



Spot the difference between two realities.
Panasonic
LCD Projector

BEST SELLER
PT-LC50E

Introducing the latest technology that made the synthesis between mobility and style possible. It's packed with all the smart features of an LCD projector yet uncompromising to lightness and performance. An ultra-compact body that makes high resolution and brightness a wonder for something so small yet so powerful. Ideal in making impressions. Perfect for presentation.
cosmotech Head Office: #19 Binay cor., Finlandia Sts., Makati City, Philippines
Tel Nos.: (0632) 894-3678, 889-4734, 843-4527 e-mail: cosmotc@csl com ph

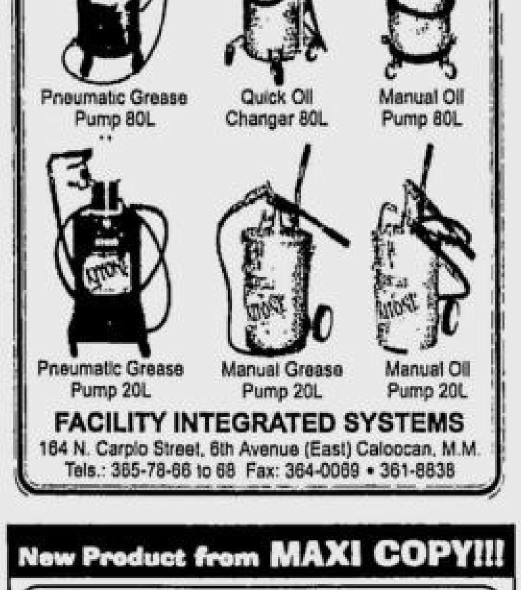
100% Brand New & Recon COPIERS
RICOH • Canon • Olivetti • Savin
P14,999. ONLY LIQUID TYPE Best For Business/ Copy Center
P14,999. ONLY POWDER TYPE FT 3320 For Personal/ Office Use
SALE!
P43,999. ONLY BRAND NEW DIGITAL COPIER + PRINTER
Guaranteed Big Savings !!! Katun TONERS & PARTS For Use In SHARP, MITA, CANON RISO, TOSHIBA, MINOLTA, ETC.
Also Available:
*Lease to Own/ Rental/ Trade-In
* Repair of most Copier Brands
* Ink for all Computer Printers
COPYTRADE
Copytrade Bldg. 550 MF Jhocson St. Sampaloc, Manila (Nr. NU)
Tels. 749-8155 to 56
781-3472 • 749-8216
Prov'l Outlets:
Cebu: (032)2532402
Cabanatuan City (0919)4673223
Tarlac: (0918)-5738497

Package		Price
3D	HKG Package via Cebu Pacific	$153
4D	HKG Package via PAL	$185
5D	Canton/ Shenzhen/ Hongkong	$229
6D	Macau/Zhuhai/ Shenzhen/Hkg	$259
10D	Canton/ Shenzhen/ Hongkong	$299
4D	Bangkok Package	$279
10D	Shenzhen/HKG Bangkok/Pattaya	$399
4D	Singapore Package	$315
4D	Shanghai	$499
10D	Canton/Beijing/ Shanghai/ Hangzhou Shenzhen/HKG	$538
5D4N	Brunei Bali	$578
7D	Beijing/ Shanghai/ [illegible]	$775

PROMO FARES TO:	
Hong Kong	$135
Bangkok	235
Singapore	240
Tokyo	395
Osaka	390
Seoul	350
Sydney	$620
Los Angeles	830
San Francisco	830
New York	910
Vancouver	830
Europe	750

UNION TRAVEL & TOURS
525-3034 or 45
524-8609 or 10
524-3943 or 44
525-3039
E-mail uniontours@eastern.com.ph
PTAA TA-326

KITONE
QUALITY LUBRICATION EQUIPMENT



FACILITY INTEGRATED SYSTEMS
164 N. Carpio Street, 6th Avenue (East) Caloocan, M.M.
Tels.: 365-78-66 to 68 Fax: 364-0069 • 361-8838

New Product from MAXI COPY!!!
COPY PAPER SUBS. 18
8.5 x 11 .... P75.00
8.5 x 13 .... P89.00
✻ MULTI PURPOSE ✻
CAN BE USED FOR THE FOLLOWING:
- Liquid Type Copiers
- Powder Type Copiers
- Duplicating Machines

BAGSAK PRESYO!!!
MAXI
MAXI COPY

TEL. NOS. : 363-6319 / 364-1963 / 414-4420
FAX NO. : 361-6071

BAD BREATH?
There is now a methodical and scientific approach in treating breath Condition and we have a 99% success rate in treating this malady.
Ask for a professional help now!
Call for an appointment 845-0782 / 719-2578
BREATH CLINIC
23/F, Unit 2321 Herrera Tower Herrera St., Makati City Clinic Hrs: Mon-Sat 10:00-4:00
G/F, Unit-G 454 Boni Avenue Mandaluyong City Mon to Sat 8:00-10:00am
A Specialty Clinic with Halimeter Machine used in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Chronic Halitosis

KNIFE GATE VALVE
ANSI 150LB.
MATERIAL AND PARTS
Body: FC20
Plate: SUS304
Seat: TEFLON
Handwheel: FC20

AN YIAC HARDWARE CO., INC.
527 T. ALONZO ST., STA. CRUZ, MANILA
Tel.: 733-5775 • 733-5776 • 733-5878 • 733-5774 • 733-5779 • 733-5744 • 734-1890 TELEFAX: 733-5859 Fax: 733-5860
E-mail: anyiac@starnet.ph

HAVE A COMPETITIVE EDGE!
BIG DISCOUNT PACKAGES
Study at VERNON TAPALLA'S
COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS and THE WRITING INSTITUTE
- The Success & Confidence Building Program
- CP 1 On Speech Improvement, Effective Self-Presentations & Personality Development
- CP 2 On Grammar & Conversational English
- CP 3 On Public Speaking & Leadership Training
- WP 1 On Business & Technical Writing

PRIVATE TUTORING & CORPORATE TRAINING ARE AVAILABLE
MAKATI - 845-0886 / 753-1048 TO 49
ALABANG - 850-4756 / 850-4757

HONGKONG From $173 3D/2N VIA PAL | From $183 4D/3N VIA PAL
CHOICE OF FREE DIMSUM LUNCH OR FREE PEKING DUCK LUNCH
GUAM From $389 3 Days/ 3 Nites MWF DEP. VIA PAL
SEOUL From $568 4D/3N VIA PAL - DAILY DEPARTURE
KUALA LUMPUR From $495 4D/3N VIA PAL - MON / WED / FRI / SAT DEPARTURE
SAIGON From $273 3D/2N VIA PAL - EVERY TUESDAY/THURSDAY/SATURDAY
MACAU From $273 TUES/SAT DEP. 4D/3N VIA AIR MACAU
BANGKOK From $245 4D/3N VIA THAI 625 | From $249 4D/3N VIA PAL
FREE 1 THAI LUNCH
BKK/PATTAYA From $283 DAILY DEP. 4D/3N VIA THAI 625/SQ
BKK+SIN From $450 DAILY DEP. 7D/6N VIA THAI 625/SQ
PHUKET From $399 4D/3N DAILY DEP. VIA THAI 621
CHIANGMAI From $389 4D/3N DAILY DEP. VIA THAI 621
SINGAPORE From $293 FREE AND EASY PACKAGES 4D/3N VIA SQ/PAL | From $318 GSS/SSS PACKAGE 4D/3N VIA SQ/PAL
FREE CHOICES OF ANY TWO ADMISSION SINGAPORE ATTRACTIONS TICKET OR MEALS
SIN/MALAYSIA/INDONESIA From $353 DAILY DEP. 4D/3N VIA SQ/PAL
SIN+KL (OVERLAND) From $408 DAILY DEP. 5D/4N VIA SQ/PAL
All major credit cards are accepted.
We offer 3/6/12 Months Installment plans.
We Also offer 0% on all Citibank Card Holders.
Las Palmas TOURS AND TRAVEL
PTAA IATA DOT ACCR. NO 10-11890
MANILA OFFICE Tel # 5237786 to 87 • 5236610 • 5236530 5236864 • 5255167 • 5230902 • 5230461
MAKATI OFFICE Tel # 8401363 to 65 • 8171224 • 810-0107 to 08 • 810-0226 to 27
BOOKING AGENTS
ANGELES PAMPANGA Tel # (045)3227178 • 8885621
SAN FERNANDO PAMPANGA Tel # (045) 9616339 • 8600305
CAVITE Tel # (046) 419-2785 • (046) 419-1248
WEBSITE: www.laspalmastours.com

RICOH COPIERS
• WE TRANSACT 24 HRS/DAY FROM MONDAY TO SUNDAY

LIQUID TYPE P11,500 only
POWDER TYPE P15,000 only

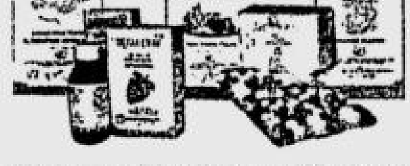
Bond Paper P65 / rm
Dispersant P42 / ltr
U.S. SP. Toner P260 / ltr
KAI General Mdse.
Tels. 716-6110 • 780-0302 • 780-0304 • 780-4015
(INFRONT OF PUP ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURE BLDG.)
GC-1 BLDG 3 GSIS METROHOMES, PUREZA, STA. MESA, MANILA
AUTHORIZED DEALERS
LUZON:
Baguio (074) 3041862 / (0918) 4223811 • Tarlac (045)9800409 / (0916) 4856074 • San Fernando, La Union 0919-3353314 • Daet (054)7215829 • Naga (054)4720484 • Iriga (054)6552924 • Legaspi (052)8203345 • Masbate (056)3332793
VISAYAS:
Cebu (032)4134146 / (0917)6062309 • Iloilo (033)3297828 • Tacloban (053)3253441 / (0919)6516273 • Catbalogan (055)2512266 • Calbayog (055)2093322
MINDANAO:
Davao (082)2226824 / (0917)7324178 • Gen. Santos (083)3020743 • Cagayan de Oro (088)2313860 / (0919)2403898 • Iligan (063)2216482 • Pagadian (062) 2144581 • Cotabato (064)4216239 / (0919)4747220

SPECIAL PACKAGES PROMO
HONG KONG $195 $190 $182
BANGKOK $240 $245 $255
SINGAPORE $295 $308 $293
SINGAPORE KUALA $392
SAIGON $272
GUAM $389
BUDGET FARES

HONGKONG	$ 145	FUKUOKA	$ 435
BANGKOK	$ 220	AUSTRALIA	$ 565
SINGAPORE	$ 245	NEW YORK	$ 910
VANCOUVER	$ 830	NAGOYA	$ 440
OSAKA	$ 380	TAIPEI	$ 315
TOKYO	$ 395	SEOUL	$ 390
LAX/ SFO	$ 830	TORONTO	$ 970

SINGAPORE
• DAYTRIP MALAYSIA
• DAYTRIP INDONESIA $352
HONGKONG XIAMEN CRUISE $275
SANS TRAVEL & TOURS
TEL.#:438.8227/439.5749/439.5769/913.9808/913.8860
CELL 0917-8414601, 0917-4510343, 0917-4743343
E-MAIL:sans_trvl@pacific.net.ph URDANETA:075.5683585

LAFAYETTE PHARMACEUTICAL LABORATORIES, INC.
" Quality is our Best Policy"
QUALITY GENERICS AT VERY COMPETITIVE PRICES



We Welcome Distributors, Wholesalers and Retailers Nationwide
FOR INQUIRIES PLS. CALL
LAFAYETTE PHARMACEUTICALS
#132 13th Avenue Cubao, Q.C.
Tel.No.: 437-5139 / 913-3724
911 - 7292 / Telefax: 913-3723

HONGKONG $183
SINGAPORE $311
BANGKOK $255
STAR CRUISES The First Global Cruise Line
TICKET ONLY:

	US$		US$		US$
HONGKONG	146	KUALA	395	HONOLULU	809
BANGKOK	225	TAIPEI	286	LAX / SFO	830
SINGAPORE	231	XIAMEN	261	NEW YORK	910
OSAKA	383	MACAU	226	VANCOUVER	866
TOKYO	398	JAKARTA	358	SYDNEY	589
SEOUL	376	SAIGON	229	EUROPE	786

SEE YOUR TRAVEL AGENT OR CALL:
MAGELLAN WORLD TRAVEL, INC. PTAA
TELS:522-4321 * 521-9381 *526-5652 to 53 *522-4809 to 11
Fax# 521-0190 * 526-5658

BEST VALUE TOUR PACKAGES
World Youth TORONTO Airfare from $940 Dep. 15-17 July

	Panda	BP	Ramada	HIGM	MCR/Gateway
HONGKONG 3D	$146	$172	$179	$202	$210
HONGKONG 4D	$158	$185	$195	$230	$232

w/ FREE Dimsum Lunch and Shenzhen Tour

HKG/SHEN/ZHUHAI/MACAU	5D	$220
CHINA Package		
HKG/CRUISE/XIAMEN/CRUISE/HKG	7D	$266
HKG/SHEN/SHANGHAI/BEIJING	9D	$645
HKG/BANGKOK	7D	$379
HKG/SINGAPORE	7D	$420
HKG/BANGKOK/SINGAPORE	10D	$479

BANGKOK 4D $213 via Kuwait Airways $245 via Thai Airways

BANGKOK/HONGKONG	7D	$422
BANGKOK/SINGAPORE	7D	$424
BANGKOK/KUALA LUMPUR	7D	$435
BANGKOK/SAIGON	7D	$435

SINGAPORE 3D via Singapore Airlines Garden Hotel $293
+ Johore & Batam 4 Days Oxford Hotel $355
Stay 4 Nights for the Price of 3
+ Johore Bahru & Batam - Royal Peacock $378
SIN/BKK/PATTAYA 7 Days $465
AUSTRALIA $1,090 for 2 pax
Star Cruises
$468 LEO (Ex-HKG) $561 VIRGO (Ex-SIN)
BUDGET AIR FARES

	OW	RT		OW	RT		OW	RT
Hongkong	100	130	K. Lumpur	235	385	Los Angeles	435	730
Macau	90	145	Jakarta	330	350	New York	510	820
Bangkok	160	200	Seoul	175	340	Vancouver	470	890
Singapore	195	225	Saigon	245	230	Toronto	510	965
Tokyo	210	385	Chicago	525	905	Australia	340	405
Osaka	265	370	Honolulu	440	795	Europe	395	710

TRANSNATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURS, INC.
MAKATI: 753-3388 / 3005 / 1121 • 817-1566 / 1571 • 894-0974
Fax: 753-5588 • E-mail: tnt_anoe@abacus.com.ph
Text your queries to (0917) 535-1581 / 791-8236
Mandaluyong: 747-1275 • 531-0212 • 747-3298
Fax: 512 5715 E-mail: julie@abacus.com.ph

Second FRONT PAGE

AY NAKU! ANU BA YANG GINAWA N'YO!

WWF bares Tubbataha 'walls of death'

By Gerald G. Lacuarta

A TEAM of wildlife conservationists has discovered 15-foot high mesh nets floating in depths of 20 to 40 feet in the lagoon of Tubbataha's South Atoll, forming "walls of death" for corals and other marine creatures.

World Wide Fund (WWF)-Philippines said its Palawan staff discovered the abandoned fishing nets, with a total length of over one kilometer, last May 25 while conducting research.

Found tangled among the nets were the skeletal remains of close to a hundred sea turtles, bone-white and completely stripped of flesh, leading scientists stationed at the Tubbataha Marine Park to believe that the nets had been there for at least two months.

Moreover, WWF president Lory Tan said the nets had been dropped in an area abundant with branching coral, breaking off huge chunks of primary growth.

"Considering that corals take decades to grow even just a few inches, these nets have destroyed easily one hundred years of coral development," Tan said.

Floaters attached to the nets and a buoy flag marker bore Chinese factory marks similar to the ones found on equipment confiscated from Chinese vessels apprehended in the area last February.

"This shocking discovery is an indication of low regard for Philippine laws and national parks. These environmental criminals should be locked up, along with their financiers," Tan said. "Twenty years in jail could never replace the bio-diversity within the Tubbataha Reef that they have so wantonly destroyed."

Tan said recovery operations of the nets begun in the first week of June, "but it has been a slow and tedious work." He said most of the nets were in areas where silt from the seabed contributed to low visibility.

Tubbataha Marine Park staff and rangers hope to finish removing the nets within the month.

The Chinese fishing crews have been held in Puerto Princesa since their capture four months ago. Charges filed against them by the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) included poaching and use of illegal and noxious substances.

Two minors in the group have been released, and the Palawan Commission on Illegal Entrants (PCIE) was considering a motion to release another 75-year-old crew member with a heart problem, but the PCSD objected to the motion.

"To discharge the accused on this basis would set a dangerous legal precedent that might run counter to the objectives of our criminal justice system," said Adelle Villena, PCSD legal counsel.

Foreign affairs officials from the Chinese province of Hainan are currently in Palawan, seeking a speedy trial.

RICOH COPIERS
• WE TRANSACT 24 HRS/DAY FROM MONDAY TO SUNDAY
LIQUID TYPE P11,500 only
POWDER TYPE P15,000 only
Bond Paper P65 | Dispersant P42 | U.S. SP. Toner P260
KAI General Mdse.
Tels 716-6110 • 780-0302 • 780-0304 • 780-4015
(INFRONT OF PUP ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURE BLDG.)
AUTHORIZED DEALERS
LUZON:
VISAYAS:
MINDANAO:

Improve Your BUSINESS... Upgrade Your PHONE!
WELCOME DEALERS
Prices from P 2,000 up to P 3,800
PABX
4-Line
Interphone
2-Way Radio
Call for FREE DEMO!
EverTel
EVERTEL PHILS., CORP.
Tel. #: 715-8114 • 715-7977
715-3857 • 715-8141
Bacolod (branch) 034-4332563
http://www.evertel.biz

100% Brand New & Recon COPIERS
RICOH • Canon • Olivetti • Savin
P14,999. ONLY LIQUID TYPE Best For Business Copy Center
P14,999. ONLY POWDER TYPE
SALE!
P43,999. ONLY BRAND NEW DIGITAL COPIER
Guaranteed Big Savings !!!
Katun TONERS & PARTS
For Use in SHARP, MITA, CANON, RISO, TOSHIBA, MINOLTA, ETC
Also Available:
*Lease to Own/ Rental/ Trade- In
* Repair of most Copier Brands
* Ink for all Computer Printers
COPYTRADE
Copytrade Bldg. 550 M. Jhocson St. Sampaloc, Manila (Nr. NU)
Tels. 749-8155 to 56
781-3472 • 749-8216
Prov'l Outlets:
Cebu: (032)2532402
Cabanatuan City (0919)4673223
Tarlac: (0918)-5738497

BAD BREATH?
There is now a methodical and scientific approach in treating breath Condition and we have a 99% success rate in treating this malady
Ask for a professional help now!
Call for an appointment 845-0782 / 719-2578
BREATH CLINIC
23/F, Unit 2321 Herrera Tower, Herrera St., Makati City, Clinic Hrs: Mon-Sat 10:00-4:00
G/F, Unit-G 454 Boni Avenue, Mandaluyong City, Mon to Sat 8:00-10:00am
A Specialty Clinic with Halimeter Machine used in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Chronic Halitosis

SPECIAL PACKAGES PROMO
HONG KONG $195 $190 $182
BANGKOK $240 $245 $255
KUALA $392
SAIGON $272
SINGAPORE $295 $308 $293
GUAM $389
BUDGET FARES
SINGAPORE
• DAYTRIP MALAYSIA
• DAYTRIP INDONESIA $352
HONGKONG XIAMEN CRUISE $275
SANS TRAVEL & TOURS

COPYSTAR OFFICE AUTOMATION
GET SHREDDER FOR EVERY PURCHASE OF COPIER
Introducing CLEAR POWDER COPIER
RECONDITIONED
AMAZING 4-IN-1
COPIER • FAX • PRINTER • SCANNER
BRAND NEW
RICOH FT 3320 for only P16,000
Canon MPC 400 P30,500
Canon MPC 600 F P39,000
LAMINATOR P3,800
THERMAL BINDER P8,500
RING BINDER P8,000
Other copiers also available: FT 3313, FT 4018, FT 4418, FT 4421, FT 4220, FT 4222
SALES: 899-7101 up to 04 / 899-7045 • 899-7075 to 76 • 899-7023
MAIN OFFICE: COPYSTAR Bldg. 948 J. P. Rizal Ave., near corner Makati Ave., Makati City
Fax: 895-7802 • CEBU OFFICE: 178 Sanslangko St., Cebu City ☎ 255-0504 • 256-3368 to 69
PAMPANGA: McArthur Hi-way, Dolores San. Fdo., Pampanga ☎ 963-5055 to 59 • Fax: 963-5059

PROMO FARES TO:

3D	HKG Package via Cebu Pacific	$153
4D	HKG Package via PAL	$185
5D	Canton/ Shenzhen/ Hongkong	$229
6D	Macau/Zhuhai/ Shenzhen/Hkg	$259
10D	Canton/ Shenzhen/ Hongkong	$299
4D	Bangkok Package	$279
10D	Shenzhen/HKG Bangkok/Pattaya	$399
4D	Singapore Package	$315
4D	Shanghai	$499
10D	Canton-Beijing-Shanghai/ Hangshou Shenzhen/HKG	$538
5D4N	Brunei Bali	$578
7D	Beijing / Shanghai / Marco Polo Hotel	$775

Hong Kong	$135
Bangkok	235
Singapore	240
Tokyo	395
Osaka	390
Seoul	350
Sydney	$620
Los Angeles	830
San Francisco	830
New York	910
Vancouver	830
Europe	750

UNION TRAVEL & TOURS
525-3034 or 45
524-8609 or 10
524-3943 or 44
525-3039
PTAA

KNIFE GATE VALVE
ANSI 150LB.
MATERIAL AND PARTS
Body: FC20
Plate: SUS304
Seat: TEFLON
Handwheel: FC20
AN-YIAC HARDWARE CO., INC.
527 T. ALONZO ST., STA. CRUZ, MANILA
Tel.: 733-5775 • 733-5776 • 733-5478 • 733-5774 • 733-5779 • 733-5744 • 734-1990 TELEFAX: 733-5650
E-mail: anyiac@starnet.ph

LAFAYETTE PHARMACEUTICAL LABORATORIES, INC.
"Quality is our Best Policy"
QUALITY GENERICS AT VERY COMPETITIVE PRICES
We Welcome Distributors, Wholesalers and Retailers Nationwide
FOR INQUIRIES PLS. CALL
LAFAYETTE PHARMACEUTICALS
#132 13th Avenue Cubao, Q.C.
Tel.No.: 437-5139 / 913-3724
911 - 7292 / Telefax: 913-3723

WE'LL PROVIDE YOU NOT ONLY THE MACHINE BUT THE BUSINESS
PURE FLOW QUALITY DRINKING WATER
COMPLETE BUSINESS PACKAGE AT A VERY COMPETITIVE PRICE WITH NO ROYALTY FRANCHISE FEE
• START-UP TRAINING / SEMINAR
• AFTER SALES SERVICE
• FREE WATER TESTING
• FREE SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE
• FULL STOCK CONSUMABLE AND REPLACEMENT PARTS
• 16 STAGE REVERSE OSMOSIS PURIFICATION SYSTEM
• 3000 GALLONS PER DAY
• FULLY AUTOMATIC USA MADE PARTS SKID MOUNTED
• STAINLESS STEEL CONSTRUCTION / STAINLESS STEEL TANKS
GUARANTEED TECHNICAL & MARKETING SUPPORT:
• INSTALLATION
• STORE DESIGN / LAYOUT
Purity at its Best
ALSO AVAILABLE: REVERSE OSMOSIS WATER PURIFICATION COMPONENTS • ULTRA VIOLET WATER STERILIZERS • WATER SOFTENERS • PRESSURE GAUGES • MEDIA FILTERS • FILTER HOUSINGS • MEMBRANES • FILTER CARTRIDGES • WRENCHES • HEX NIPPLES • CLIPS • BRACKETS • FILTER ACCESSORIES
PURE FLOW Water System Co.
Tel No. (632) 240-0431
Fax No. (632) 656-6091
www.pureflowater.com
sales@pureflowater.c
Address: Unit 1-A Estra Building, Ortigas Avenue Ext. corner St. Joseph Cainta Rizal
Showroom at: Quezon City Tel. No. 931-5287 280 Tomas Morato Ave.
PRESENT THIS AD TO AVAIL OF EXTRA PROMO ITEM
Variety of Systems Design Available to fit your Budget Starting at P270,000

KITONE
QUALITY LUBRICATION EQUIPMENT
Pneumatic Grease Pump 80L
Quick Oil Changer 80L
Manual Oil Pump 80L
Pneumatic Grease Pump 20L
Manual Grease Pump 20L
Manual Oil Pump 20L
FACILITY INTEGRATED SYSTEMS
164 N. Carpio Street, 6th Avenue (East) Caloocan, M.M.
Tels: 365-78-66 to 68 Fax 364-0069 • 361-8838

HAVE A COMPETITIVE EDGE!
BIG DISCOUNT PACKAGES
Study at VERNON TAPALLA'S
COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS and THE WRITING INSTITUTE
• The Success & Confidence Building Program
• CP 1 On Speech Improvement, Effective Self-Presentations & Personality Development
• CP 2 On Grammar & Conversational English
• CP 3 On Public Speaking & Leadership Training
• WP 1 On Business & Technical Writing
PRIVATE TUTORING & CORPORATE TRAINING ARE AVAILABLE
MAKATI - 845-0886 / 753-1048 TO 49
ALABANG - 850-4756 / 850-4757

HONGKONG
SINGAPORE
HONGKONG $183
SINGAPORE $311
BANGKOK $255
STAR CRUISES
TICKET ONLY:

	US $		US $		US $
HONGKONG	146	KUALA	395	HONOLULU	809
BANGKOK	225	TAIPEI	286	LAX / SFO	830
SINGAPORE	231	XIAMEN	261	NEW YORK	910
OSAKA	383	MACAU	226	VANCOUVER	866
TOKYO	398	JAKARTA	358	SYDNEY	589
SEOUL	376	SAIGON	229	EUROPE	756

SEE YOUR TRAVEL AGENT OR CALL:
MAGELLAN WORLD TRAVEL, INC. PTAA
TELS: 522-4321 * 521-9381 *526-5652 to 53 *522-4809 to 11
Fax# 521-0190 * 526-5658

[illegible] main impression
Spot the difference between two realities
Panasonic LCD Projector
BEST SELLER
PT-LC50E
Introducing the latest technology that made the synthesis between portability and style possible. It's packed with all the smart features of an LCD projector yet uncompromising to lightness and performance. An ultra-compact body that makes high resolution and brightness a wonder for something so small yet so powerful. Ideal for making impressions. Perfect for presentation.
cosmotech Head Office: #19 Binay cor. Finlandia Sts., Makati City, Philippines
Tel Nos. [illegible] e mail: [illegible]

New Product from MAXI COPY!!!
COPY PAPER SUBS. 18
8.5 x 11 .... P75.00
8.5 x 13 .... P89.00
MULTI PURPOSE
CAN BE USED FOR THE FOLLOWING:
- Liquid Type Copiers
- Powder Type Copiers
- Duplicating Machines

BAGSAK PRESYO!!!
MAXI
MAXI COPY

TEL. NOS. : 363-6319 / 364-1953 /414-4420
FAX NO. : 361-6071

HONGKONG From $173 3D/2N VIA PAL | From $183 4D/3N VIA PAL
CHOICE OF FREE DIMSUM LUNCH OR FREE PEKING DUCK LUNCH
GUAM From $389 3 Days/ 3 Nites MWF DEP. VIA PAL
SEOUL From $568 4D/3N VIA PAL - DAILY DEPARTURE
KUALA LUMPUR From $495 4D/3N VIA PAL - MON / WED / FRI / SAT DEPARTURE
SAIGON From $273 3D/2N VIA PAL - EVERY TUESDAY/THURSDAY/SATURDAY
MACAU From $273 TUES/SAT DEP. 4D/3N VIA AIR MACAU
BANGKOK From $245 4D/3N VIA THAI 625 | From $249 4D/3N VIA PAL
FREE 1 THAI LUNCH
BKK/PATTAYA From $283 DAILY DEP. 4D/3N VIA THAI 625/SQ
BKK+SIN From $450 DAILY DEP. 7D/6N VIA THAI 625/SQ
PHUKET From $399 4D/3N DAILY DEP. VIA THAI 621
CHIANGMAI From $389 4D/3N DAILY DEP. VIA THAI 621
SINGAPORE From $293 FREE AND EASY PACKAGES 4D/3N VIA SQ/PAL | From $318 GSS/SSS PACKAGE 4D/3N VIA SQ/PAL
FREE CHOICES OF ANY TWO ADMISSION SINGAPORE ATTRACTIONS TICKET OR MEALS
SIN MALAYSIA INDONESIA From $353 DAILY DEP. 4D/3N VIA SQ/PAL
SIN+KL From $408 (OVERLAND) DAILY DEP. 5D/4N VIA SQ/PAL
All major credit cards are accepted.
We offer 3/6/12 Months Installment plans.
We Also offer 0% on all Citibank Card Holders.
Las Palmas TOURS AND TRAVEL
PTAA IATA
MANILA OFFICE Tel # 5237780 to 87 • 5236810 • 5236830 • 5236884 • 5255107 • 5230002 • 5230461
MAKATI OFFICE Tel # 8401383 to 85 • 8171224 • 810-0107 to 08 • 810-0226 to 27
BOOKING AGENTS
ANGELES PAMPANGA Tel # (045)3227178 • 8885621
SAN FERNANDO PAMPANGA Tel # (045) 9615339 • 8600305
CAVITE Tel # (046) 419-2785 • (046) 419-1248
WEBSITE: www.laspalmastours.com

BEST VALUE TOUR PACKAGES
World Youth TORONTO Airfare from $940 Dep. 15-17 July

		Panda	RP	Ramada	HIGM	MCP Gateway
HONGKONG	3D	$146	$172	$179	$202	$210
	4D	$158	$185	$195	$230	$232

w/ FREE Dimsum Lunch and Shenzhen Tour
HKG/SHEN/ZHUHAI/MACAU 5D $220
CHINA Package
HKG/CRUISE/XIAMEN/CRUISE/HKG 7D $266
HKG/SHEN/SHANGHAI/BEIJING 9D $645
HKG/BANGKOK 7D $379
HKG/SINGAPORE 7D $420
HKG/BANGKOK/SINGAPORE 10D $479
BANGKOK 4D $213 via Kuwait Airways, $245 via Thai Airways
BANGKOK/HONGKONG 7D $422
BANGKOK/SINGAPORE 7D $424
BANGKOK/KUALA LUMPUR 7D $435
BANGKOK/SAIGON 7D $435
SINGAPORE 3D via Singapore Airlines Garden Hotel $293
+ Johore & Batam 4 Days Oxford Hotel $355
Stay 4 Nights for the Price of 3
+ Johore Bahru & Batam - Royal Peacock $378
SIN/BKK/PATTAYA 7 Days $465
AUSTRALIA $1,090 for 2 pax
Star Cruises
$468 LEO (Ex-HKG) $561 VIRGO (Ex-SIN)
BUDGET AIR FARES
TRANSNATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURS, INC.
MAKATI: 753-3388 / 3005 / 1121 • 817-1566 / 1571 • 894-0974
Text your queries to (0917) 536 1581 / 701-8235
Mandaluyong 747 1276 • 531-0212 • 747-3296

US Treasury confirms Ping accounts

By Rocky Nazareno

THE UNITED States Treasury has confirmed an earlier report by the US Justice Department that Sen. Panfilo Lacson and his wife Alice are maintaining several bank accounts in America, including one that contains $200,000.

In a confidential report obtained by the INQUIRER, Michael C. Orndorff, assistant director, Office of Investigative Support of the US Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (Fincen), reported that Lacson and his wife were indeed maintaining dollar accounts in the United States as earlier reported by the US Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"The US Justice Department conducted parallel probes of Mr. Lacson through the FBI and the US Treasury Department's Fincen," a ranking official of the Philippine Department of Justice said.

The Philippine official, who asked anonymity, noted that while the two probes were made independent of each other, "the two US agencies were led to very similar findings about the bank accounts of the Lacson couple."

Fincen conducted its independent probe of Lacson's "suspicious banking activities" pursuant to the request of the US Justice Department-Office of International Affairs on behalf of the Philippine government.

The Lacson case was docketed under Fincen case No. 2002IV72192.

The US DOJ request prompted Fincen to inquire into the "Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) of the Lacson couple to determine if their bank transactions are connected to a criminal activity."

In the process of its investigation, Fincen discovered in its financial database a SAR for an undisclosed amount under the name of the Lacsons.

The suspicious bank account was under the name of Alice D. Lacson and Panfilo Lacson with the Bank of America in Van Nuys, California.

The Philippine official said SAR reports were filed by US banks and other depository institutions "upon suspicion that one or more of various financial crimes may have been perpetrated by, at or through their facilities."

Earlier this month, the National Bureau of Investigation released a report prepared by Kyle Latimer, senior trial lawyer of the US DOJ's Criminal Division-International Affairs.

In the report, Latimer confirmed that the Lacson couple maintained three to four bank accounts with Bank of America.

Lacson has repeatedly dismissed claims that he had perjured his official Statement of Assets and Liabilities and had not declared bank accounts he may be maintaining in the US.

But Latimer disclosed that based on the investigation of the FBI, Lacson indeed had bank accounts in the United States although these could be "far fewer than initially reported and (that) there are three to four bank accounts (with) far less money."

We fix all computer problems!
Expert in VIRUS Removal
PCMed TECHNICIANS
CALL OUR HOTLINE 303-8888
☑ ON-SITE ☑ FAST ☑ EXPERIENCED ☑ GUARANTEED ☑ AFFORDABLE

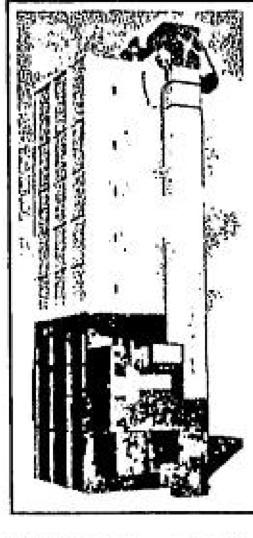
traveling in appreciation of GOD's beautiful & bountiful creations
8 DAYS SYDNEY & MELBOURNE US$ 796.00
8 DAYS SYDNEY & GOLDCOAST US$ 825.00
4 DAYS HONG KONG US$ 219.00
13 DAYS EUROPE MARIAN PILGRIMAGE US$ 1,999.00 Departure 08 SEP
14 DAYS TURKEY & GREECE Footsteps of St. Paul US$ 1,995.00 Departure 14 OCT
PIRKKO & TROYTOURS, INC.
U-210 City & Land Mega Plaza, ADB Ave. cor. Garnet St., Ortigas Center, Pasig City
Tels 688-8658 688-8846 687-2694 Fax 688-8846
E-mail troytour@info.com.ph

Highly Dependable Industrial High Pressure Washers
NO. 1 In VACUUMS & HIGH PRESSURE CLEANERS

NRG
Mr. Clean
Pro Kart

Major Credit Cards Accepted. Deferred Payments Up To 24 Mos.
With AFTER SALES SERVICE FREE DELIVERY within Metro Manila
Exclusively Distributed by: CLEANCITY COMMERCIAL, INC.
Accepts Repair of all Kinds of High-pressure Washers & Vacuum Cleaners.
MAIN OFFICE: 1851 M. OROSA ST., MALATE, MLA.
Tel. Nos.: 5244472 • 5240529 • 5245290
Nextel: 49888 • Globe: 0917-7896670
Smart: 0918-5367577
QUEZON CITY BRANCHES:
• 646 QUEZON AVE. Tel. 7490581 • 7493709
• 162 DEL MONTE AVE. NR. COR. ROOSEVELT AVE Tel. 4101086 • 3724429

BEST QUALITY, BUDGET FRIENDLY
Water Refilling Equipment Package
Now Available for as Low as P198,000.00
INQUIRE NOW!
• SM Megamall 5/F Bldg. A Tel. #: 633-2510 / 20
• SM City Fairview UGF Tel. # 4176622 / 4186024
• SM Southmall UGF Tel. #: 806-9393
• SM City Bacoor Tel. #: (046) 970-6168
• SM City Cebu LGF Tel. #: (032) 233-0252
• MC Homes Makati Tel. #: 893-3070 Loc 19
• MC Homes Ortigas Tel. #: 638-5201
Head Office:
WaterCare Centre 3933 L. Roces
Corner Santol St., Sampaloc, Manila
Tel. #: 716-6998 / 716-8078
Fax #: (632) 716-0903
Email: watrcare@i-next.net
At Your Service!
WaterCare®
Our Name, Your Guarantee!
A Member of



DRYERS
RAINY SEASON SALE
Import from Taiwan 2nd hand Grain Dryer.
Affordable and Good condition.
For inquiries :
(02) 520-8057
0917-4009146

24 hour Protection
For Your Business
With TeleEye

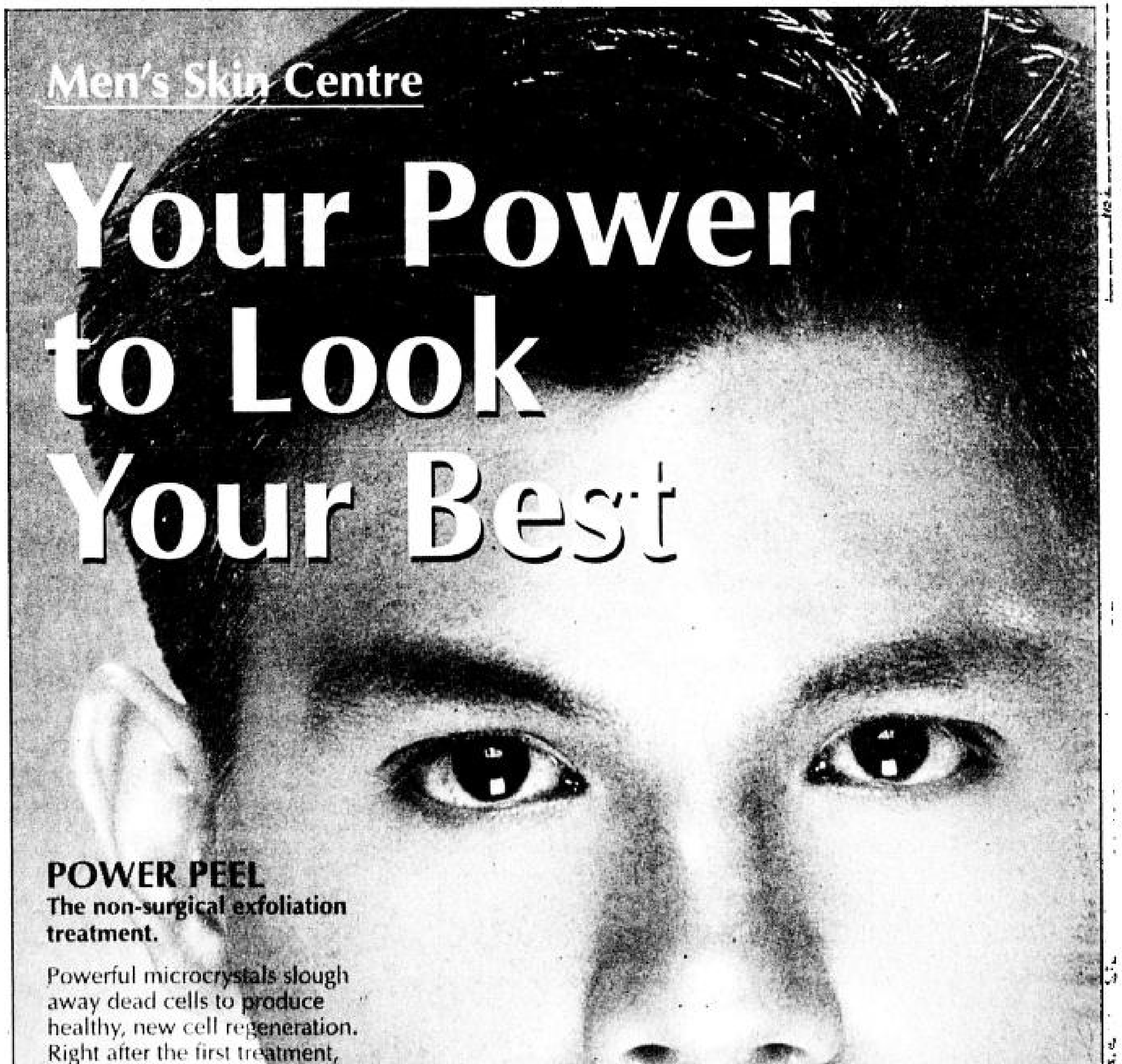
Dial into your business, branches, warehouses, residence or factories and see everything that is happening there day or night!
MICROSERVE Co.
4115264 • 3651446 • 3611654
3618267 • 3650897
291-H Del Monte Ave. Quezon City
Distributor of Tele Eye Remote Monitoring System
TeleEye Newest Feature: Record all live video 24 hrs a day up to 1 month with the Built-in Hard disk

WE SELL / RENT
EXHIBIT & PROMO SYSTEMS

MADE IN SWEDEN
TRANSAD ADVERTISING INC.
1015 Zobel Roxas St., Singalong, Manila
Tels: 522-7644 / 400-9987 Tel/Fax: 831-4374

Affordable PABX THAT WORKS WONDERS! Only P9,500
With smart features:
✓ Call Transfer
✓ Intercom
✓ Up to 3 Lines & 8 Locals
✓ On-hold Music
✓ NDD / IDD Restriction
✓ Other models (up to 128 locals) available
1-YEAR FULL WARRANTY
Ideal for offices, law firms, travel agencies, hotels, etc.
INFINITE Systems Technology Corp.
Call Now! 892-9073 to 75

Absolutely everybody is invited!
Int'l. Packages
Hongkong $215.
Bangkok $295.
Sin. for 2 $777.
Aus. w/ Sing. $677.
Local Packages
Corregidor P650.
Puerto Galera P999.
Cebu P7,000.
Boracay P7,545.
Palawan P7,900.
Airfare only
Hkg $160.
Sin. $246.
SFO/LAX $860.
Lon./Paris $850.
BUY 1 TAKE 1!!! AUSTRALIA $871.
LOURDES & PARIS!!!
$688 5D/4N (land arrangement only)
KENSTAR Travel Corporation
There's only one name for your travel needs.
Kenstar Bldg. 511 Alonzo St. Malate, Manila, 524 1211 to 14
kenstar@pacific.net.ph/www.kenstartravel.com


Men's Skin Centre
Your Power to Look Your Best

POWER PEEL
The non-surgical exfoliation treatment.
Powerful microcrystals slough away dead cells to produce healthy, new cell regeneration. Right after the first treatment, you'll notice a completely new, healthy skin resurfaced.
• acne scars and other skin discoloration are remarkably reversed
• age spots and fine lines are greatly diminished
• skin texture and hue are visibly refined
• old surface skin is gently exfoliated to reveal a totally new, blemish-free skin as clear as the day you were born
• skin becomes firmer, younger-looking and bursting with vitality
Power Peel.
Your Power Over Time.
Call Facial Care Centre NOW!
MEN'S SKIN CENTRE
(a division of Facial Care Centre)
NEW LOCATION
MAKATI 816-1259 815-3121 815-3123
ORTIGAS 687-2196 687-2197 631-3007 • 631-3045
QUEZON CITY 372-6633 372-6634 410-3709 • 410-3710
SHAW 534-7701/02 717-0076
ALABANG 842-1144 809-9583 850-4577
BINONDO 243-8138/39 243-8602 243-9895
CONGRESSIONAL 920-7938 920-7992 920-8064
PAMPANGA 961-3404/08 860-2663/64
CEBU 233-7631 233-7633/35
ALL CENTERS ARE NOW OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK.
MON. - FRI. (8 AM - 7 PM) / SAT. (8 AM - 5 PM) / SUN. (10 AM - 3 PM)

DIVE LINK RESORT & CORAL BAY RESORT PALAWAN
SPECIAL OFFER FOR LOW-SEASON
(June 01 - November 15, 2002)
Bookings on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday only
Via Asian Spirit
DIVE LINK RESORT: P8,713 net per person
Round Trip airfare, Airport transfers, On-site boat transfers 3Days/2Nights accommodation (twin sharing) "Coron waterways" and "Island hopping", Mangrove kayaking, Use of kayak/paddle boating, Guided snorkeling and swimming, Use of the resort swimming pool.
CORAL BAY: P9,800 net per person
Round Trip airfare, Airport transfers, On-site boat transfers 3Days/2Nights accommodation (twin sharing), Coral Bay Island Tour, Mangrove Safari, Mangrove kayaking, Use of kayak/paddle boating, Guided snorkeling and swimming.
For Reservations, please call: Manila Sales Office
Telefax Nos.: (632) 3719928 • (632) 3726031 • 4120644
Cellphone Nos.: (0919) 6753370 • (0917) 7914671
Email: info@divelink.com.ph • bookings@coralbay.com.ph
Website: www.divelink.com.ph • www.coralbay.com.ph

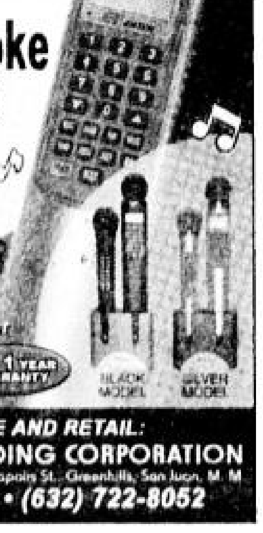
MAGICAL JOURNEY! FOR ALL AGES
HONGKONG CHINA $158
BANGKOK $219
BANGKOK PATTAYA $255
MACAU $270
KUALA LUMPUR $375
SAIGON $273
SINGAPORE $293
HONGKONG SIEMEN & CRUISE $270
SINGAPORE INDONESIA MALAYSIA $353
CANADA ROCKIES $398
EASTCOAST $388
INTERNATIONAL TICKETS
LOS ANGELES $780
SAN FRANCISCO $830
HONOLULU $806
NEW YORK $910
NEWARK $836
CHICAGO $910
WASHINGTON $910
VANCOUVER $860
TORONTO $965
SYDNEY $415
HONGKONG $145
BANGKOK $210
SINGAPORE $245
TOKYO $395
LOCAL TOURS
BORACAY P1,794
PALAWAN P2,589
BOHOL (OVERNIGHT) P2,250
CEBU (OVERNIGHT) P2,450
BACOLOD P2,589
$50 & $100 DISCOUNT FOR (1) & (2) MONTHS ADVANCE PURCHASE
FARES & OTHER PACKAGES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
DOMESTIC TICKETS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE
DOLJUNTS INT'L TRAVEL & TOURS
Tel. 6872808 • 6872004 • 6872830 • 6872739 • 6872818
Telefax 6872808 MOBILES (0919)682 6025 / (0917) 9115955
E-mail add: doljuntstravel@pacific.net.ph

Don't BE A COLD TURKEY!
RELAX IN A HOT BATH WITH AMERICA'S PREFERRED CHOICE!
A.O. SMITH
Invented Glass Lined Tank By Fusing Glass to Metal in 1600°F+ Oven for a Long Lasting Protection Against Corrosive Hot Water!

ELECTRIC
LPG

ELECTRIC JET MOTOR ROUND FLANGE & SQUARE FLANGE FOR REPLACEMENT OF US JET MOTORS OR OEM APPLICATION
FOR COMMERCIAL MODEL PLEASE CALL!!!
Authorized Distributor
amici AMICI MERCANTILE INC.
86 MAYON ST., QUEZON CITY
TELS. NO. 740-6675 • 740-6676 FAX NO. 740-6677

VIDEOKE GIMIKS 1
Hit the blues with your gimik pals!
Magic Videoke Microphone
YOUR OWN HANDY-'OKE
•First of its kind
•Technologically Superior
•Highly Portable
•Lightweight
•Easy-to-Operate



WHOLESALE AND RETAIL:
STERN BRAVO TRADING CORPORATION
Suite 603 RICHBELT TOWER, 17 Annapolis St., Greenhills, San Juan, M. M.
(632) 722-6786 • (632) 722-8052

OIC sending review team to South

By Carlito Pablo

THE INFLUENTIAL Organization of Islamic Conference is sending a team to assess the implementation of the 1996 peace agreement between the government and the Moro National Liberation Front.

The review, according to Acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable, is part of the process being undertaken by the OIC in connection with the Philippine government's request to be accorded OIC observer status.

"Should the team report positively, then the application for the GRP as OIC observer will be immediately submitted to the OIC secretariat for consideration," Afable said.

Afable was briefed on this development by Eduardo Ermita, presidential adviser on the peace process, who attended the 29th Islamic Conference in Khartoum, Sudan, last week.

Afable said that OIC Secretary General Abdulwahed Belkeziz told Ermita that the government's application "would not be much of a problem, provided that the 1996 GRP-MNLF peace agreement is fully implemented."

"President Macapagal-Arroyo recently wrote Belkeziz, asking for GRP observer status in the OIC," Afable said.

The government believes that OIC representation would be crucial in helping to solve the decades long Muslim insurgency in the South.

Afable also said that Ermita likewise reported that the conference recognized the new government in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

The ARMM is led by Gov. Farouk Hussin, leader of the 15-member council that earlier ousted MNLF founding chair Nur Misuari.

Misuari is now held in a Laguna jail and facing trial for rebellion.

The OIC passed a resolution calling on OIC members and institutions to increase economic and technical assistance for the development of southern Philippines through the ARMM.

Ermita also told Afable that the OIC likewise welcomed the ceasefire agreement between the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. *With AP report*

PABX
Panasonic
(Authorized Sub-dealer)
100% BRAND NEW
1 PABX main control unit only (3) lines by (8) local capacity
Telephone w/ intercom • Conference • Call pick-up • Call forward • NDD/IDD Restriction • Music on hold • Call transfer • Fax detection mode
P14,000
(6) Tel Lines by (16) local
(12) Tel Lines by (64) local
intel Communication Corp.
Suite 451 RSM Building, Sta. Cruz Manila • Tel. Nos. 733-2549 / 736-1206 / 733-0697

Recovery of 3 Indons a test for anti-terror pact

MILITARY operations to recover three Indonesian sailors held captive by Moro gunmen in Sulu province is seen by Indonesia as a test of a trilateral terrorism pact it signed with the Philippines and Malaysia last month, a Palace spokesman said yesterday.

Indonesian foreign minister Hassan Wirayuda met with Eduardo Ermita, a senior adviser to President Gloria Arroyo, in last week's annual meeting of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) in Sudan and asked to be updated on the kidnapping.

Wirayuda "told Ermita that Indonesia considered the military-police operations to recover three Indonesian hostages in Sulu as a test of the trilateral agreement on the fight against terrorism," Presidential Spokesman Silvestre Afable said.

Armed men believed to be Moro bandits boarded a tugboat hauling a coal-laden barge near the rebel stronghold of Basilan island earlier this month and seized the vessel's four Indonesian officers.

The second officer, Ferdinan Joel, escaped two days later. But the bandits, led by a man called Malud Mahili, still hold the boat's skipper Muntu Jacobus Winowatan, chief officer Julkipli and chief engineer Pieter Lerrech.

The police and the military have launched a rescue operation to recover the Indonesians, who are believed to be held near the town of Luuk on Jolo island.

Ermita had assured the Indonesian foreign minister that President Arroyo gave a "strong directive for the military and police to run after the kidnappers and rescue the hostages," Afable stressed.

A crisis committee has also been set up to closely monitor the rescue effort, led by Muslim autonomous region governor Parouk Hussin, he said. *AFP*

Rise of cults wake-up call for Church

By Blanche S. Rivera

THE RECENT exposure of the massive membership of Filipinos in cults following the arrest of a leader of the Philippine Benevolent Missionaries Association should serve as a wake-up call for the Catholic Church to "evangelize" its members.

Bishop Socrates Villegas made the statement even as he reminded Catholics that they should not be involved in any cult or religious tradition that violates the teachings of the Church.

The Church does not allow its members to join cults, Villegas said. The PBMA claimed that its members were mostly Catholics who still practice their Catholic faith while believing in the "divine master" Ruben Ecleo Jr., who is suspected of killing his wife and using illegal drugs.

"It is a cry for need for renewed evangelization because if these people had been evangelized, they would not turn to cults," Villegas said in an earlier press briefing on the 4th World Meeting of Families to be held here.

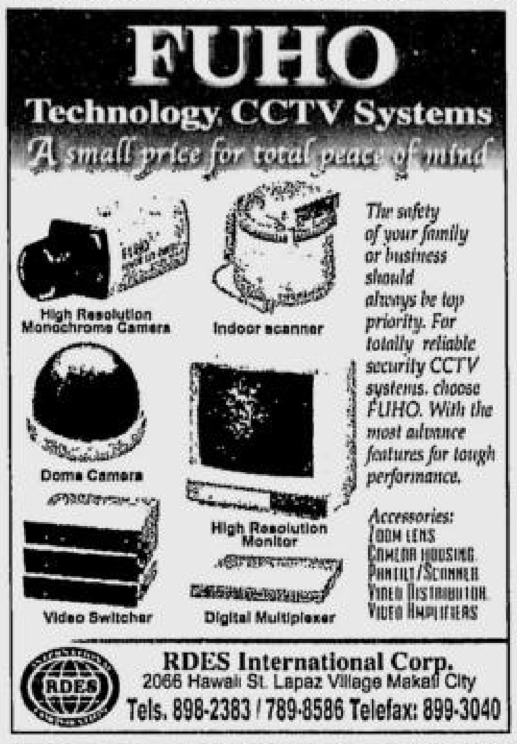
Villegas urged priests to move away from the "ritualized" Catholic faith and look at new methods and approaches to bring Christ and the Catholic Church closer to the people.

He said many Catholics are vulnerable to cults because their Catholic faith has become "sacramentalized," adding that Catholics know how to answer questions about their religion but do not integrate the values of Christ in their lives.

Citing 400 years of Catholic presence in the Philippines, Villegas said the religion has easily become so ritualized for its members.

"It has become about candles and incense. They know the sacraments, but we are lacking in that (evangelism) dimension," Villegas said.

He said priests should be "more aggressive" in evangelization and should involve their members in Church activities to lead them away from cults whose leaders offer a more personal relationship with the members.



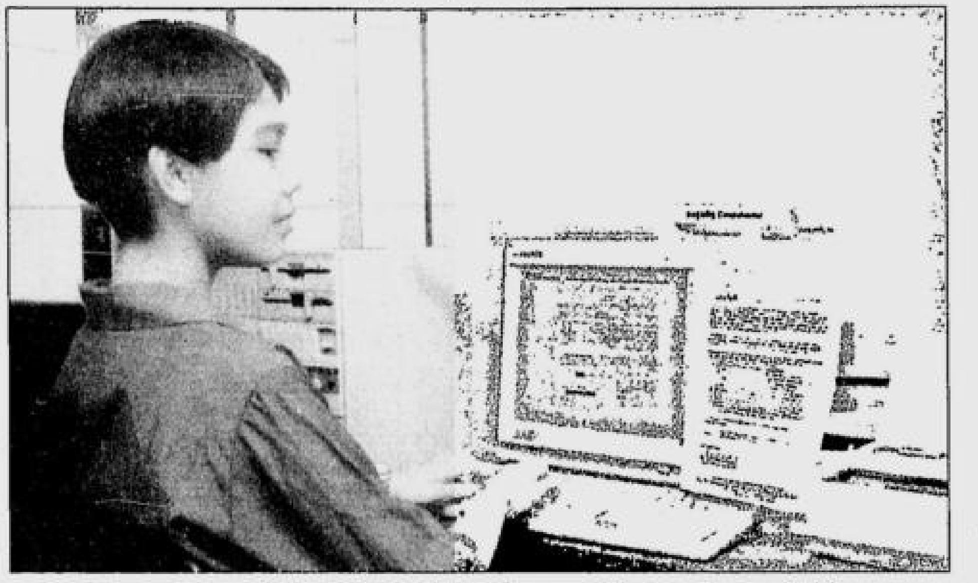
FUHO
Technology CCTV Systems
A small price for total peace of mind
High Resolution Monochrome Camera
Indoor scanner
Dome Camera
High Resolution Monitor
Video Switcher
Digital Multiplexer
The safety of your family or business should always be top priority. For totally reliable security CCTV systems, choose FUHO. With the most advance features for tough performance.
Accessories:
ZOOM LENS
CAMERA HOUSING
PANTILT/SCANNER
VIDEO DISTRIBUTOR
VIDEO AMPLIFIERS
RDES International Corp.
2066 Hawaii St. Lapaz Village Makati City
Tels. 898-2383 / 789-8586 Telefax: 899-3040

Retrouvaille offers hope for hurting marriages

RETROUVAILLE (French for rediscovery), a Catholic healing ministry offers hope for hurting couples. It helps troubled couples pick up the pieces and rebuild loving relationships. Many married couples who are struggling to stay together or who have separated but want to reconcile and sincerely desire to build a stable and lasting relationship have turned to Retrouvaille for help, and have experienced hope and healing in their marriages.

The Retrouvaille program consists of a live-in weekend starting Friday evening and ending on Sunday afternoon, and six follow-up Sunday afternoon sessions during which couples are helped to reestablish communication and gain new insights into themselves as individuals or as a couple. The weekend presenters consist of a priest and three couples who have themselves gone through conflict, disillusionment and misery in their relationships, and have experienced the Retrouvaille program.

Retrouvaille has scheduled another weekend from July 12-14 at the Saidl Formation House, Antipolo City. The follow-up sessions will be held in Quezon City. Inquiries and reservations maybe relayed through Fr. Dave Caly at 718-0689; Mar and Ami dela Rosa at 825-2605; and Winnie and Aleth Hernandez at 801-2371



Introducing: Magiclip Compuholder.
Lets you input your text with ease!
Simply attach Magiclip Compuholder to the top of the monitor to hold your text.
• Say good-bye to neck strains from looking up and down the monitor.
• No more wasted energy.
• More quality inputting, less fatigue.
For a demonstration of Compuholder, call 722-9427 or 721-2671
AVAILABLE AT:
National Book Store, Shoe Mart, Office Warehouse, Inc. Office 1 Superstore, Homeworks, Expressions, Merriam & Webster, Goodwill Bookstore, among others.
OTHER PRODUCTS:
Negatoscope, Collapsible Easel Board, Collapsible Tripod, Whiteboard, Bulletin Board, Memo Board, Message Board, Clip-All, Compuholder, Copyholder
Application for Distributors, Dealers, Sales Representatives are still entertained.
MAGICLIP PAPERHOLDER IS PROTECTED BY THE FOLLOWING PATENTS:
U.S. Patent Nos. 236342 & 245989 • Canada Patent No. 38232
Phil. Patent Nos. 11754, UM 1440, UM 5687, UM 6164 & UM 6261
magiclip IS A WINNER OF THE PRESTIGIOUS PILIPINO INVENTORS AWARD
magiclip products phils., Inc.
Suite 410 Sunrise Condominium I, 226 Ortigas Avenue, Greenhills, San Juan, Metro Manila, Philippines
Tel. Nos.: 722-9427 / 721-2671 • Telefax: 722-1606 • E-mail: magiclip@pacific.net.ph • http://www.magiclip.com

UNIVERSITY OF ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
Now on its 28th year, the
STRATEGIC BUSINESS ECONOMICS PROGRAM
(Manila and Cebu)
is accepting limited applications to its Executive Education offerings:
EXECUTIVE MBE (Master in Business Economics)
and
EXECUTIVE CBE (Certificate in Business Economics)
• A convergence of Economic Principles, Business Techniques, and Strategic Management
• Designed for CEOs, CEO Designates, and Owners
• A modular schedule suited for top executives
• With research support from the Center for Research and Communication (CRC)
Be part of a great tradition and a network of executives in an atmosphere of academic excellence and real business applications.
6/F APEC Communications Building, UA&P-Ortigas Campus
Pearl Drive, Ortigas Center, Pasig City
Direct Line: 634-2820 / 634-3095 • Trunkline: 637-0912 loc. 222
Fax: 634-2821
E-mail address: mhamor@uap.edu.ph / aramos@uap.edu.ph

COSMOS		GLOBUS	
EUROPE		EUROPE	
European Introduction (7days) (Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland & France)	From US$509	Iberian Vacation (13 days) (Spain,Portugal & Morocco. Plus FATIMA!)	From US$989
Rome to London (11 days) (Italy, Austria, Germany & Holland)	From US$799	The Best of Italy & Greece (14 days) (Rome,Florence,Venice,Assisi, Perugia, Olympia,Delphi & Athens)	From US$1,449
Imperial Capitals (13 days) (Belgium,Luxembourg,Germany,Austria, Hungary,Slovakia, Czech Republic)	From US$779	Central Europe (15 days) (Germany,Poland,Slovakia,Hungary, Czech Republic)	From US$1,459
The Best of Europe (17 days) (Belgium, Holland,Germany,Austria, Italy,France & Switzerland)	From US$1,019	Northern Capitals (13 days) (Scandinavia & Russia)	From US$1,619
COSMOS		GLOBUS	
USA & CANADA		USA & CANADA	
Western Wonders (12 days) (Los Angeles, Scottsdale,Grand Canyon, Las Vegas,Mammoth Lakes & more!)	From US$799	America's National Parks (10 days) (Salt Lake City,Grand Teton,Yellowstone, Mt. Rushmore, Rapid City & more!)	From US$1,499
Eastern USA & Canada (13 days) (New York,Boston,Philadelphia, Washington & more!)	From US$999	National Parks of Hawaii (10 days) (Honolulu,Hilo,Kona, Maui & more!)	From US$1,959
Best of South America (13days) (Rio de Janeiro, Iguasu Falls, Buenos Aires & Santiago)	From US$1,199	Spectacular Alaska (10 days) (Anchorage, Prince William Sound; Fairbanks, Denali, Kenai Fjords & more!)	From US$2,199

INSTALLMENT PLANS ARE AVAILABLE ON 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 AND 24 MONTHS
For inquiries and reservations, please call 817.49.26 locals 202/210 or fax queries to 819.29.93
or email us at ftd@barontravel.com.ph
GLOBUS & COSMOS. DOT Accreditation No. TO-037-2002 the baron travel corporation

CAREERS. SUCCESS. FRIENDS.
Photography by: Dominique James
make it happen!
You can find success with the training you need.
. John Robert Powers has a program for you to make it happen.
CONFIDENCE. PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT.
EXECUTIVE GROOMING. ACTING. MODELING.
Your future is in your hands.
CALL NOW! 892 9511
John Robert Powers
www.johnrobertpowers.com
Casmer Building, 195 Salcedo St.
Legaspi Village, Makati
CONVENIENT PARKING NEARBY
GET ON WITH LIFE. START TODAY. FREE CONSULTATION.

Bishops join fray vs bikini car wash

By B. Rivera

NOW it's the bishops against the car-bath babes in bikinis.

The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines has expressed "grave concern" over bikini-clad women washing cars for mainly male clienteles in Iloilo and Muntinlupa cities.

In a statement, the CBCP Office on Women said the "nonchalant use" of scantily clad young women to attract customers violated human dignity and breached the bounds of propriety.

"Obviously, young and adventurous women are unwittingly being used at the expense of self-respect," the CBCP said.

The two car wash sirens at the Marina restaurant on Ninoy Aquino Avenue, Iloilo City do not see it this way. They insist there is nothing wrong with their jobs.

Both aged 18, the Marina girls wear colorful two-piece swimsuits and work from 3 to 6 p.m. everyday, washing up to 12 cars. Clients are charged P100 for a car and P200 for a van or utility vehicle.

Marina owner Ross Paul Gorriceta earlier said business was good, and that he planned to hire more bikini ladies.

"This obvious exploitation of economic need makes such a novelty (venture) all the more serious," the CBCP said.

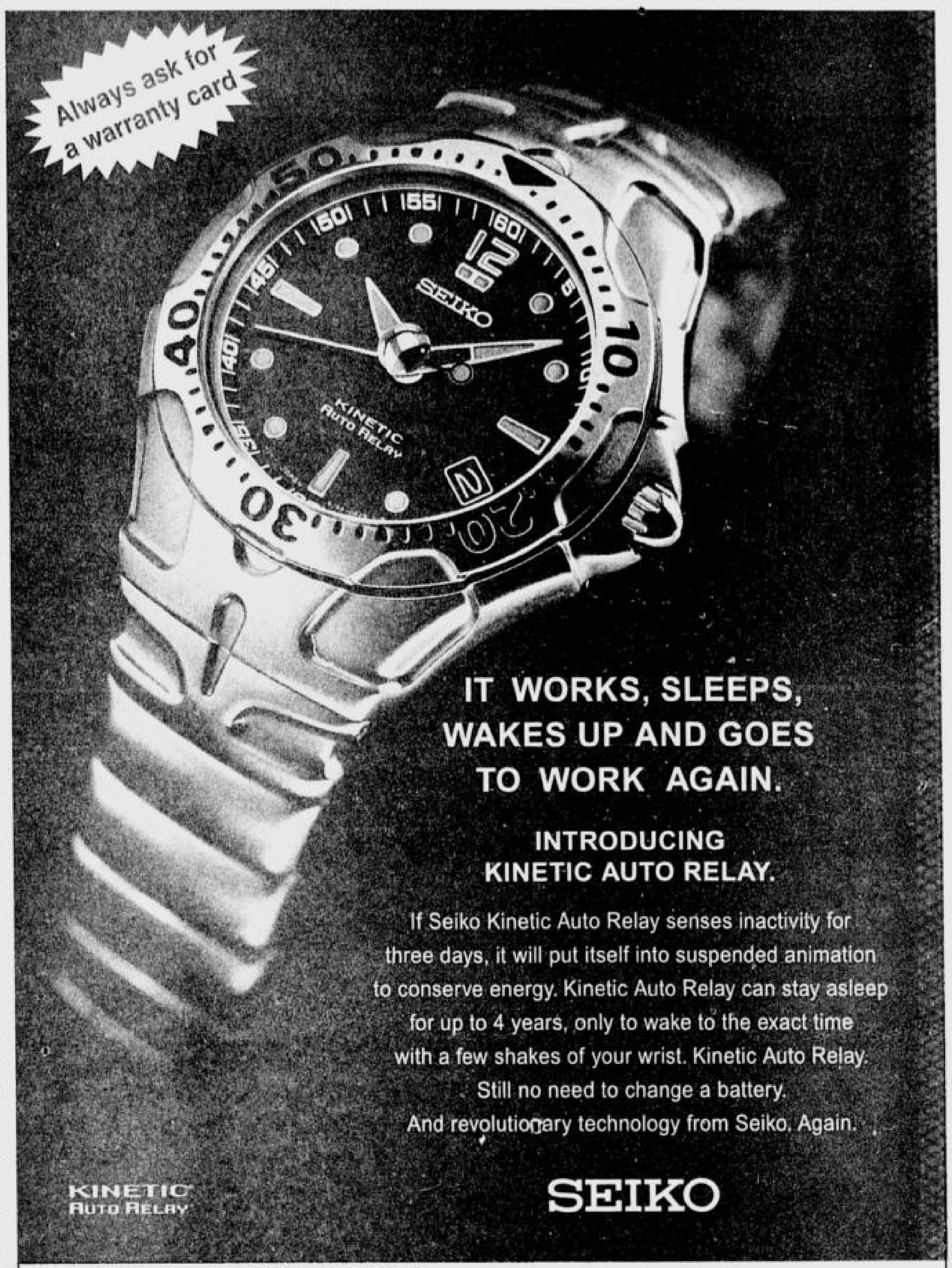
"Such a marketing ploy," the group added, "is a subtle degradation of the dignity of women, whose natural gifts and talents could be put to better and more honorable use."

While conceding that enterprise was laudable, the CBCP said it should be done within the bounds of common decency and not put women in a precarious position.

Bayan Muna Rep. Liza Masa said she would talk with the mayors of Iloilo and Muntinlupa to convince them to stop the bikini car-wash operations in their cities.

Restore your defective equipment at Affordable Cost!
We Specialize in
LAPTOP & FAX REPAIRS
We also repair: PC's • Printer • Monitors • Electronics Typewriters UPS, Shredders & Others
FOR MULTI-USERS AVAIL OF OUR SMA
The most ECONOMICAL maintenance program EVER!
✓ Full staff of skilled and experienced engineers and technicians.
✓ From simple cleaning to major trouble shooting.
✓ Repairs can be carried out right at your office, minimizing downtime.
Best In Customer Satisfaction -Samsung Electronics AWARDED
THREE OFFICES TO SERVE YOU
BUSINESSCARE S.T.C. Inc.
QUEZON CITY Tel: 912-1077 912-1089
MANILA 536-6576 536-6573
MAKATI 893-0898•893-1594 893-1597

MIST FAN COOLING SYSTEMS
Instant temperature reduction up to 40°F!
We convert & upgrade any existing fan into an Evaporative Cooling System
Powerful Airthrow: 30 to 40 Feet!
Ceiling Fan Wall Mount Movable Fan
Fans with mist
Gym/ Multi-purpose Hall
Events/ Gatherings
Warehouse/ Factories
For inquiries & free estimates, call now:
COOL MIST INTERNATIONAL
Tel. Nos.: 920-8109 / 928-3424 Fax: 920-8109
SALES/ RENTALS/ SERVICES AVAILABLE



IT WORKS, SLEEPS, WAKES UP AND GOES TO WORK AGAIN.
INTRODUCING KINETIC AUTO RELAY.
If Seiko Kinetic Auto Relay senses inactivity for three days, it will put itself into suspended animation to conserve energy. Kinetic Auto Relay can stay asleep for up to 4 years, only to wake to the exact time with a few shakes of your wrist. Kinetic Auto Relay. Still no need to change a battery. And revolutionary technology from Seiko. Again.
SEIKO
FREE CHECK-UP at the following SEIKO SERVICE CENTERS
MANILA : 1990 NICFUR Bldg., Taft Corner P. Quirino Avenue, Malate, Manila Tel.(632) 523-8878 • LAS PIÑAS : SM Southmall, Alabang-Zapote Road, Almanza, Las Piñas Tel (632) 806-6553 • MAKATI CITY : G72 Glorieta 1, Ayala Commercial Center, Makati City Tel (632) 892-6302 • QUEZON CITY : Unit 6, Ground Flr Philam Building., Aurora Blvd., Cubao, Q. C. Tels (632) 911-1619 ; WB 206, SM City, North Avenue, EDSA Quezon City Tel.(632) 929-3097 • CAVITE : 008 SM City Bacoor, G. Torona Highway Corner, Emilio Aguinaldo Highway, Bacoor, Cavite Tel (046) 970-4976 • CEBU Ground Flr., Unit #18 Colonnade Mall, Colon St., Cebu City Tel.(032) 253-6936 ; Lower Ground Flr., SM City-Cebu, North Reclamation Area, Cebu City Tel.(032) 232-0782 • DAVAO CITY : Door 4 Rafael Suarez Building., C.M.Recto St., Davao City (082) 227-6604 Fax No (082) 221-6183

AN OPEN LETTER

Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal Arroyo
President of the Republic of the Philippines
Malacañang, Manila

Dear Mrs. President,

A year from now, I will be retiring from the PNP service - a job I consider my career, my profession, my future and my life. I am the only remaining Police General who came from the INP, who is presently not holding any position and has been on a "floating status" for almost two years now. I am a product of my own making -- rising from the ranks -- through meritorious or spot promotions.

Several times, I have asked myself as to where have I gone wrong? I did my best as a Public Servant but I assumed that I am instead being persecuted by those who are now in power. I respect your every decision in the governance of our country and I am confident I can contribute to additional positive and progressive events for your Administration.

I stood behind you in various "battles" including the infamous EDSA 2 where I led over 10,000 marchers to Malacañang that finally pressured and drove former President Joseph Estrada -- a man I owe so much to, but knew my decision was the most righteous thing to do, the strong dictate of my conscience, my belief, and conviction. I was with you since then, come hell or high water!

Madam President, may I humbly call to mind that during those times, I was ready to face any consequence, regardless of what price I had to pay. I risked my life and my career and those of my 500 men, because of my action and my decision.

I have never questioned the decision of my superiors as far as my assignment is concerned. But destroying my career is another thing. I believe I am just a victim of political maneuverings, or intrigues and power play of those who are right now in power and this is not fair, Madam President. It is in fact, not right.

A number of revamps, a number of frustrations. I have been hoping that you would come to my rescue. As an Officer and a gentleman, I never brood nor sulk as I always look forward to a new horizon. But my sufferings are in silence.

I believe in your leadership, sincerity and truthfulness in your commitment and declaration. The faith and confidence still remain, but it pains me to think that my hands are tied. I know I can contribute substantially to the peace and order in the Republic that I have served for 29 years with unblemished record. Surely there is a position or assignment for an officer of my caliber. You have known me to be a no-nonsense and fearless police officer. I risked my life in every encounter and almost lost my left leg in that bloody 1989 Coup that left me with a limp and a scar that never healed.

Madam President, two years in a "floating status" is too long a time to wait for the realization that I'd be back in action. I have never lost hope and faith that you will finally take a second look and heed the call of my conviction to the PNP Service.

I bet and won, but I lost in the final end! And to those Madam President, who are pulling me down, I simply pray for them. I pray for those who spitefully persecute me (Matthew 5:44) Forgive them also Father, for they do not know what they do.

Respectfully,

ROMEO B. MAGANTO
Chief Supt. PNP

ADVT

MILF claims young lieutenant killed by 'friendly fire'

By Julie S. Alipala
PDI Mindanao Bureau

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Jessie James Apura, the young soldier killed in Patikul, Basilan, was shot by fellow government soldiers and not by members of the Abu Sayyaf group, according to a ranking official of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

"There was no encounter between the military and Radulan Sahiron's group on June 27 as reported" Ustadz Shariff Mohsin Jullabi, MILF spokesperson for Western Mindanao, told the INQUIRER yesterday.

Julabbi said Sahiron's group was highly mobile, and had abandoned their lair as soon as Operation Daybreak in Sirawai, Zamboanga del Norte ended on June 21. Sensing the arrival of troops, Sahiron and his men immediately fled. "*Kasama ni* Apura *ang nakapatay sa kanya* (Apura was killed by comrades)," Jullabi said.

Sahiron himself told him this during negotiations for the release of "unknown" hostage Lydio Castro on June 29, according to Jullabi.

In a separate interview, Castro confirmed that during his eight-month stay with Sahiron's group, there wasn't a single encounter with the military.

"*Pag may bakbakan, umiiwas ang grupo ng* Abu Sayyaf (The Abus avoided encounters)," Castro said.

He said he was brought down all the way from the jungles of Patikul to the town center last Saturday morning without a hitch.

But Southern Command chief Maj. Gen. Ernesto Carolina reiterated that Apura was killed in a legitimate encounter between government troops and Sahiron's group, which was reinforced by the Basilan-based Abu Sayyaf faction led by Khadaffy Janjalani.

Six other soldiers were wounded in that encounter. M/Sgt. Jenny Apura Sr., father of the slain lieutenant, said his son took a bullet in the forehead.

Despite Julabbi's claim, Carolina was confident that the troops had hit the main group. "We are on the right track," he said, citing the overrunning of four Abu camps in Patikul.

Contrary to Julabbi's claim that Patikul was peaceful, Social Welfare and Development Sec. Corazon "Dinky" Soliman yesterday confirmed that several families in Patikul had evacuated to Jolo, and that her staff had coordinated with Jolo Mayor Suod Tan for the urgent dispatch of relief goods.

Meanwhile, Carolina said he had ordered all his men in the battlefield to re-assess their position.

"It is difficult to look for the Abu Sayyaf, now that they have dispersed and mingled with the civilians. Some of them are hiding out in the caves, and the heavy rains of late have been favorable to them," he admitted.

Calling college students! Join and get a chance to go to Germany.

We're the Year 2001 winners on our trip to Germany.

Search for Bayer Young Environmental Envoys

The program seeks to educate the Filipino youth on the global effort to save and protect the environment. Twelve young people will be chosen as "Bayer Young Environmental Envoys." They will participate in an eco-camp to be held in a local venue. Out of the twelve, five will be chosen to join their Asian counterparts in a weeklong, all-expense paid educational trip to Germany. All winners become members of the elite Bayer Young Environmental Envoys Club that meets every year.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES: JULY 31, 2002

Eligibility

- Open to Filipino college students ages 18-22.
- Enrolled in a CHED-recognized college/university.
- GPA of not lower than 2.0 or 85% or its equivalent, students with GPA lower than 2.0 need not apply.
- Must be in good health and available to travel to Germany on November 16-23, 2002.

Requirements

1. Fill up the application form below.
2. Secure the endorsement of one faculty member AND any one of the following: the school's academic department head, OR college dean, OR academic vice-president, OR president.
3. Enumerate 1-3 things you have done for the environment. Write an essay on one (not more than 500 words OR 2 pages, typewritten, single-spaced).
4. Attach the following documents: One 2" x 2" color photo • Certificate of cumulative GPA from the School Registrar OR official transcript of records • Photocopy of passport valid until June 2003 OR in lieu thereof, an authenticated birth certificate from the National Statistics Office (security paper) • Proof of awards received, where applicable (Best 3 only)

Deadline for Submission of Application

Essay entries and accomplished application forms together with complete documentation requirements must be received not later than July 31, 2002 by the Bayer Young Environmental Envoys Secretariat. Applicants may send or submit their entries to the following addresses: Bayer Philippines, Inc., Bayer House, Canlubang Industrial Estate, Laguna 4028 or P.O. Box 4600 Manila

APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT'S PROFILE		
FIRST NAME	M.I.	LAST NAME
AGE BIRTHDAY	BIRTHPLACE	MALE ☐ FEMALE ☐
PRESENT ADDRESS		2 x 2 COLOR PHOTO
CONTACT NUMBERS Home Phone		
Mobile Phone	E-mail	
NAME OF SCHOOL		
SCHOOL ADDRESS		
School Phone	School E-mail	
LANGUAGES / DIALECTS SPOKEN		
Name of person to notify in case of emergency		
Relationship	Address	Phone Number

LEADERSHIP AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS RECEIVED (Best 3 only)		
AWARD RECEIVED	AWARD-GIVING BODY	DATE RECEIVED

MEMBERSHIP IN SOCIO-CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS / ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES (Best 3 only)		
NAME OF ORGANIZATION / ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITY	POSITION / INVOLVEMENT	INCLUSIVE DATES

I have read and understood the Official Guidelines of the contest in its entirety. I agree to abide by and be bound by it and the decisions of the judges, Bayer Philippines, Inc. and Luntiang Pilipinas, which are final and binding in all respects.

All information contained herein is true and accurate. By signing below, I grant to the organizers and sponsors all the rights to use my name, address, photograph, videotape or likeness of me and statements made by or attributed to me relating to the project, for any legal purpose including, without limitation to, advertising, publicity and other commercial purposes, in any and all forms of media, including the Internet, without further compensation. I hereby assign all the rights, title and interest to this submitted form and my essay to Bayer Philippines, Inc. and Luntiang Pilipinas.

THIS FORM MAY BE PHOTOCOPIED OR DOWNLOADED FROM THE INTERNET

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE OVER PRINTED NAME

Endorsement by one faculty member of the school where the applicant is enrolled.

I have received this completed form in its entirety and agree that this has been properly completed. I attest that the information contained herein as well as the attachments in this submission are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Other comments (Please explain why you believe the applicant deserves to be named Bayer Young Environmental Envoy):

DATE

SIGNATURE OVER PRINTED NAME

Endorsement by the academic head, or college dean, or vice-president, or president of the school where the applicant is enrolled.

I certify that the applicant is a bonafide student of the school, of which I am the ____________________. I certify further that the information submitted pertaining to this application is true and correct based on school records.

Other comments (Please explain why you believe the applicant deserves to be named Bayer Young Environmental Envoy):

DATE

SIGNATURE OVER PRINTED NAME

Log on to *www.youngenvironenvoy.com*. For particulars, call (02) 450-7200 or call our toll free no. 1-800-10-ENVIRON (3684766).

A joint project of:

Bayer BAYER

LUNTIANG PILIPINAS

In cooperation with:
The Commission on Higher Education (CHED)

Cop chiefs air concern, disappointment over relief

By Martin P. Marfil

THE ASSOCIATION of Chiefs of Police of the Philippines Inc. (ACPPI) has expressed "concern and disappointment" over the relief of seven ranking police officials.

ACPPI is asking the National Police Commission to review and revise the relief order so that the police officials can be given justice. The seven officials have already filed separate motions for reconsideration with the Napolcom.

In a four-page Board Resolution No. 02-2002, dated June 28 and signed by its chair retired PNP Director Guillermo Domondon, ACPPI said Napolcom had no power to issue the relief order.

"ACPPI believes that Napolcom has no business directing the operational and administrative relief of police officers, its real business being to approve orders of relief and similar personnel movements brought for its consideration by the chief of the PNP who has not issued such orders to date," the group said.

"(ACPPI) believes that Napolcom is gravely mistaken in its understanding and application of the doctrine of command responsibility under its vaunted three-strike policy, in deliberately failing to look at the relieved officers' efforts of diligence and persistence which are significant and substantial," it added.

The group also lashed out at Interior Secretary Jose Lina, chair of Napolcom, for "embarrassing" the police officials "through press conferences" and "announcements."

ACPPI said Lina announced things yet to be cleared with the President, who has "exclusive powers" to relieve senior officers.

It said Lina's statements should have been first cleared with the Commission on Elections, which has the sole authority to exempt any institution from the ban on relief and appointments prior to an election.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, to express our profound concern and disappointment over the issuance of Napolcom Resolution No. 2002-063-A dated June 25, 2002," ACPPI said.

"(Be it) resolved further that the resolution, including its basic Napolcom Circular Nos. 2002-004 and 2002-005, be immediately reviewed and revised for the purpose of giving justice to and requiring responsibility from every stakeholder under Lina's three-pronged approach," the group added.

Instead of focusing on illegal gambling, the PNP should concentrate on "higher duties" such as narco-trafficking, kidnap-for-ransom, terrorism, bank robberies and car theft. It said illegal gambling "does not occupy the highest seat of priorities."

Dick Afroilan, ACPPI executive director, said in a telephone interview that the PNP had been demoralized by the relief of the senior officials.

"They are demoralized that is why the association is taking up the cudgels for them," Afroilan said.

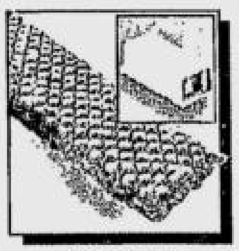
Afroilan said his group was organized in 1999 by police officers Leandro Mendoza and Hermogenes Ebdane when they were on "floating status."

He said the group was formed so that policemen could air their grievances outside the chain of command.

"Under the chain of command you can't do that (complain) but with the association officials can air their views,". Afroilan, a civilian, said.

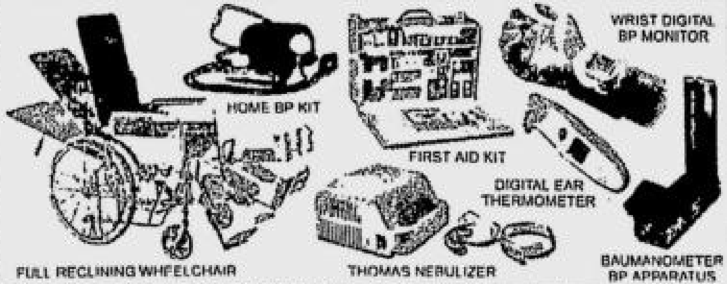
He said the ACPPI resolution was issued after the board of trustees met at a restaurant in Greenhills, San Juan on June 28.

The 14 other members of the board of trustees were identified as Rep. Amado Espino, vice chair of the House committee on public order, Deputy Director General Reynaldo Velasco, Chief Supt. Prospero Noble, Chief Supt. Dominador Resos, Chief Supt. Doroteo Jose, Chief Supt. Arturo Lomibao, S/Supt. Paul Bataoil, S/Supt. Donald Baraguer, S/Supt. Nicanor Bartolome, S/Supt. Van Luspo, S/Supt. Silverio Alarcio, S/Supt. Noe Wong, S/Supt. Arturo Invento and Supt. Ma O. Aplasca.



BEDRIDDEN WITH BEDSORES?
- Totally eliminates bedsores
- No need to turn patient as pad alternately inflates & deflates every 5 minutes
- Relieves pressure on patients back
- Made in Europe

FLY PAD
ALSO AVAILABLE: MEDICAL BED SORES PATCHES
STAR MILLS PAMPANGA 2nd Flr. (45) 636-3513
SM MANILA 5TH FLR. 484-1471
FAR EAST MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
SM MEGAMALL 5th Flr., Bldg. A 635-04-36
SM FAIRVIEW Basement 418-75-40
SM NORTH EDSA Car Park Plaza 453-3326
SM SOUTHMALL Basement 800 40 93
ROBINSONS GALLERIA Basement 635-5061
CEBU 262-32-39



YOUR PARTNER IN HOME HEALTHCARE
ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED - FREE DELIVERY WITHIN METRO MANILA
For inquiries, please call or visit us at
PROGRESSIVE MEDICAL CORPORATION
488 G. Araneta Ave., corner Del Monte Ave., Quezon City
Website: www.pmc-ph.com E-mail: wecare@pmc-ph.com
Tel: 732-3456
Fax: 687-2192

OXY-GEN THERAPY SET
Relieve difficulty in breathing
Your complete indoor & outdoor first aid kit
Air on Wheels!
Includes:
Oxygen Regulator
Nasal Cannula
Oxygen Cylinder
Stroller Bag (3 in 1)
Distributed by: medical center trading corporation
Pioneer St., Cor. Shaw Blvd., Pasig City Tels. 631-1715; 631-9355; 637-9504
Fax (632) 631-7869 E-mail Address: medcen@info.com.ph
Pasig City (02) 631-1715 | Manila City (02) 711-8374 | Cebu City (032) 254-2367 | Davao City (082) 222-4404 | Iloilo City (033) 320-1413 | Lipa City (043) 757-2051 | Pampanga (045) 961-7892
Available in all mercury drug Stores Nationwide

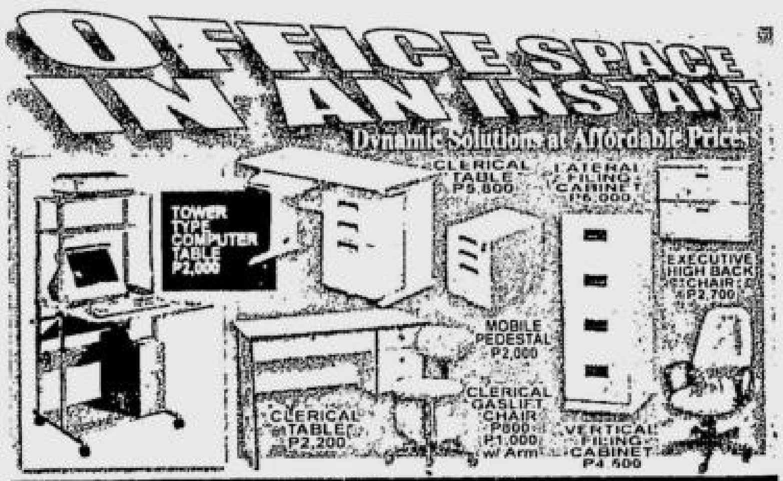
PulmoMist
Handheld Ultrasonic Nebulizer
Yr. Warranty
Automatic Shut-off (in 10 mins.)
AC/DC Battery Operated for home and car use
Rechargeable Battery (optional)
your efficient choice and practical application in aerosol delivery for
ASTHMA
BRONCHITIS
EMPHYSEMA
PULMONARY INFECTIONS
COPD and other
RESPIRATORY DISORDERS
Relief in 6 mins.
P 3,700 until supply lasts
masks, mouthpiece and medicine cups are reusable
Manufactured for and Exclusively Distributed by:
medical center trading corporation
Pioneer St., Cor. Shaw Blvd., Pasig City
Tels.: 631-1715 * 631-9355 * 637-9504 * Fax (632) 631-7869
e-mail Address: medcen@info.com.ph
Available in mercury drug Stores Nationwide
FOR INQUIRIES CALL ANY OF THESE BRANCHES NEAREST YOU
Manila 711-8374 • Cebu (032) 254-2367 • Davao (082) 222-4404 • Iloilo (033) 320-1413 • Lipa (043) 757-2051 • Pampanga (045) 961-7892

COLOR SEPARATION
from your Mac/pc file!
P888
CALL US NOW!
7210383
PREPRESS STATION
Realty Investment Bldg., 195 EDSA (near Ortigas Ave.), Mandaluyong City

As LOW as P2850 per yr. including WEBSITE DESIGN & REGISTRATION
We Design PERSONAL and BUSINESS WEBSITES (www)
CHEAP PRICE * GOOD SERVICE
Contact: ERROLE GUTIERREZ (US trained)
Tel. 711 4641/44 Fax. 742 7063
egutierrez@kreativmedia.net
www.kreativmedia.net
CF: (0918) 790-1182

Flat Chested
Flat Butt
full & firm
full & firm

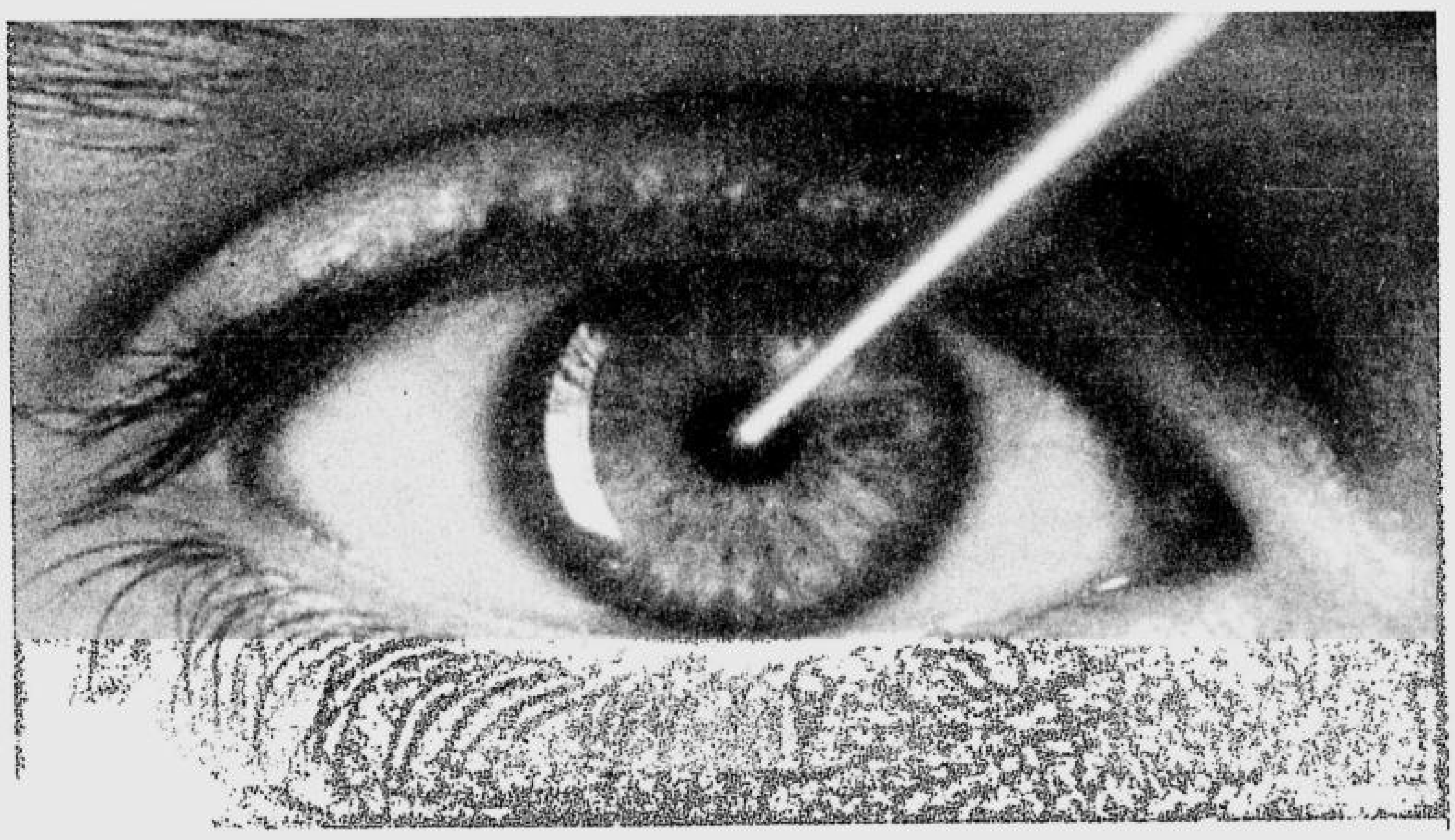
COLLAGEN REPLACEMENT THERAPY
From THIS to THAT
The only 100% safe procedure that's non-surgical & pure. Totally painless & scarless. Totally Non-invasive.
Only at Prettylooks Hi-Tech Beauty Centre Medical group
Susan Co Ong Collagen Theraphy Specialist
OTHER SERVICES:
• AESTHETIC TATTOO (EYEBROWS, EYELINE & LIPS) • LIP AUGMENTATION • NON-SURGICAL FACELIFT • NOSE LIFT • BUST LIFT • BREAST AUGMENTATION • BUTTLIFT • SERIOUS DEEP PORE FACIAL • RECONSTRUCT DAMAGED TATTOO • VARICOSE & SPIDER VEIN TREATMENT • WHITENING TABLET • INSTANT WHITENING • WARTS REMOVAL • LASER OMNILASE TREATMENT • FRECKLE REMOVAL • EYELASHES PERMING • LIPOSUCTION & COSMETIC SURGERY
FOR FREE CONSULTATION, VISIT OR CALL US AT:
• MAKATI: Unit 224-225 Bldg. #2 Central Park I, Gen. Tinio St., cor. Binay St., Bangkal, Makati City
Tels. 889-4830 to 31 • Cell No. 0917-5180675
• BINONDO: 503 Fuyong Mansion 913 Ongpin St. cor. T. Alonzo St. & Sta Cruz St. Manila
Tel. 733-6794
susanong@globenet.com.ph www.prettylooks.com


OFFICE SPACE IN AN INSTANT
Dynamic Solutions at Affordable Prices
TOWER TYPE COMPUTER TABLE P2,000
CLERICAL TABLE P5,800
LATERAL FILING CABINET P6,000
EXECUTIVE HIGH BACK CHAIR P2,700
MOBILE PEDESTAL P2,000
CLERICAL GASLIFT CHAIR P800 P1,000 w/ Arm
CLERICAL TABLE P2,200
VERTICAL FILING CABINET P4,500

FURNITEX HOME AND OFFICE FURNITURE
Suite 307 P & J Bldg., cor. E. Rodriguez Jr., Bagong Ilog, Pasig City
Tel / Fax No.: 671-5606 • 671-4263 • 0917-9739817

COOL PROPERTY !!! HOT DEALS!!!
VERY FEW CHOSEN UNITS LEFT
FOR INQUIRIES PLS. CALL: LEXBER Realty Mgt. & Mktg. at 3723206
3742584, 4108367 to 69, 3719702 to 04, 4106688
WATCH OUT FOR LEXBER TIMESHARE OFFERING !
REGAL LEXBER VACATION HOMES
with International Affiliations :
An affiliate of RCI. and HUTCHINSON & CV Trust Company Limited
RCI, the largest vacation exchange company in the world with over 3,700 hotels and resorts affiliations
HUTCHINSON & CO, one of the top specialized timeshare trustees in Europe and the largest in India and the Far East
FOR INQUIRIES PLS. CALL: 373-5422, 373-5389, 373-8828

Need laser eye surgery?



Let Asian Eye handle it... using the latest excimer laser technology.

If you are nearsighted, farsighted or have astigmatism, you will be glad to know that any of these conditions can now be corrected through laser surgery. Provided, of course, that your eyes are qualified for it.

At Asian Eye, quality vision is paramount. So we offer only what we think is best for you. Our customized treatment, for instance, assures you of utmost care and accuracy. And our policy of "one blade per eye" ensures sharper cut and smoother flap. Keeping you safe from any possible infection.

Come to Asian Eye Institute and see what exc imer laser technology can do to your eyesight. And what a difference it can make to your daily life.

Harvard-trained eye doctors
Asian Eye counts on some of the finest Filipino ophthalmologists practicing today. They are fellowship graduates of the Harvard Medical School. They were handpicked by the Center's medical director, the eminent Filipino-American ophthalmologist, Dr. Felipe I. Tolentino.

Diverse specialties and surgical skills
The Asian Eye medical team comes with the priceless combination of talent, expertise and experience—putting at your service diverse specialties and a wide range of surgical skills, all under one roof.

State-of-the-art equipment
Asian Eye's facilities are world-class. The equipment are state-of-the-art. And the Center takes pride in its caring, well-trained staff chosen for their thoroughness and dedication.

Do your eyes a favor. Visit us at Asian Eye in Rockwell.

ASIAN EYE INSTITUTE AEI
A whole new world of eye care

For your convenience, please call us at least one day in advance for an appointment.
Clinic days and hours: Monday through Saturday: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., except Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon
9th and 10th Floors, Phinma Plaza, Rockwell Center, Makati City • Tel. (632) 898-2020 • Email: eyehelp@asianeyeinstitute.com • Website: www.asianeyeinstitute.com

Eugenia D. Apostol *Founding Chairman*

INQUIRER

Vol. 17 No. 203
ISSN 0116-2642

OPINION

email: feedback inquirer.com.ph website: http://www.inq7.net

The Philippine Daily Inquirer, Inc. has its business and editorial offices at
• Chino Roces Ave corner Yague and Mascardo Sts., Makati City
• P.O. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1263 Makati City
• Our telephone numbers are 897-8808 connecting all departments
• Editoral Fax 897-4793 / 897-4794 • Advertising 897-4807
• Circulation 527-3342 / 527-3348 / 528-0183 / 528-0186 and 528-0213 / Fax: 528-02-34.

Publisher **Isagani Yambot**
Editor in Chief **Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc**
Managing Editor **Jose Ma. D. Nolasco**
Associate Editor **Abelardo S. Ulanday**
News Editor **Artemio T. Engracia Jr.**
Opinion Editor **Jorge V. Aruta**
Assistant News Editor **Nilo B. Paurom**
National Editor **Pergentino B. Bandayrel Jr.**
City Editor **Gerry Lirio**
Senior Deskperson **Rosario A. Garcellano**
Editorial Consultant **Amando Doronila**
Chief Photographer **Ernie U. Sarmiento**
Art & Design Director **Lynett A. Villariba**

Board Chairman **Marixi R. Prieto**
President **Alexandra Prieto-Romualdez**
Senior Vice President for Sales and Marketing **Renato R. Reinoso**
Senior Vice President for Corporate Services **David O. Valdes**
VP for Advertising **Felipe R. Olarte**
AVP for Circulation **Gloria P. Lardizabal**

All rights reserved. Subject to the conditions provided for by law, no article or photograph published by the Philippine Daily Inquirer may be reprinted or reproduced, in whole or in part, without its prior consent.

Citizenship test

EDITORIAL

THE NEW chair of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority has hit the ground running, but the national capital region's gated communities may yet slow him down.

In a bid to solve the traffic gridlock in Metro Manila, the MMDA's Bayani Fernando has floated a trial balloon. Perhaps certain residential subdivisions can open their roads to further ease traffic flow? The reaction from some of the country's most exclusive villages, however, has been of the balloon-puncturing kind.

Village associations worry that the price of cooperation would be too high: namely, an unreasonable increase in security risk for their members. This is, we must hasten to note, a valid concern. Too often, those who live inside exclusive subdivisions are caricatured in media as filthy rich snobs who care next to nothing for the welfare of people who live outside. But villagers pay a lot of money, in association dues and the like, to enjoy the security of their controlled environment. There is no doubt, too, that they have a constitutional right to do so.

The question is: Would the villagers trade part of this right in exchange for smoother traffic flow and the progress that may follow in its wake?

It is important to remember that opening certain subdivision roads to outside traffic only forms a part of the MMDA's proposed traffic solution.

The centerpiece of the first phase of the proposal is actually the "recovery" of the region's sidewalks. "Recovering the sidewalks, not only from vendors and squatters but also from private homeowners, is a first step in solving the traffic problem," Fernando said last week.

Interestingly for urban planners and political analysts alike, sidewalk recovery formed an essential part of—and the probable tipping point in—the transformation of Marikina City, where Fernando was mayor for three consecutive terms. In a 2000 speech, Fernando explained why: "We focused on the sidewalks because it is the demarcation line between public and private interest; and it is one of the most abused public places in the country. People had the wrong notion that the sidewalks are theirs."

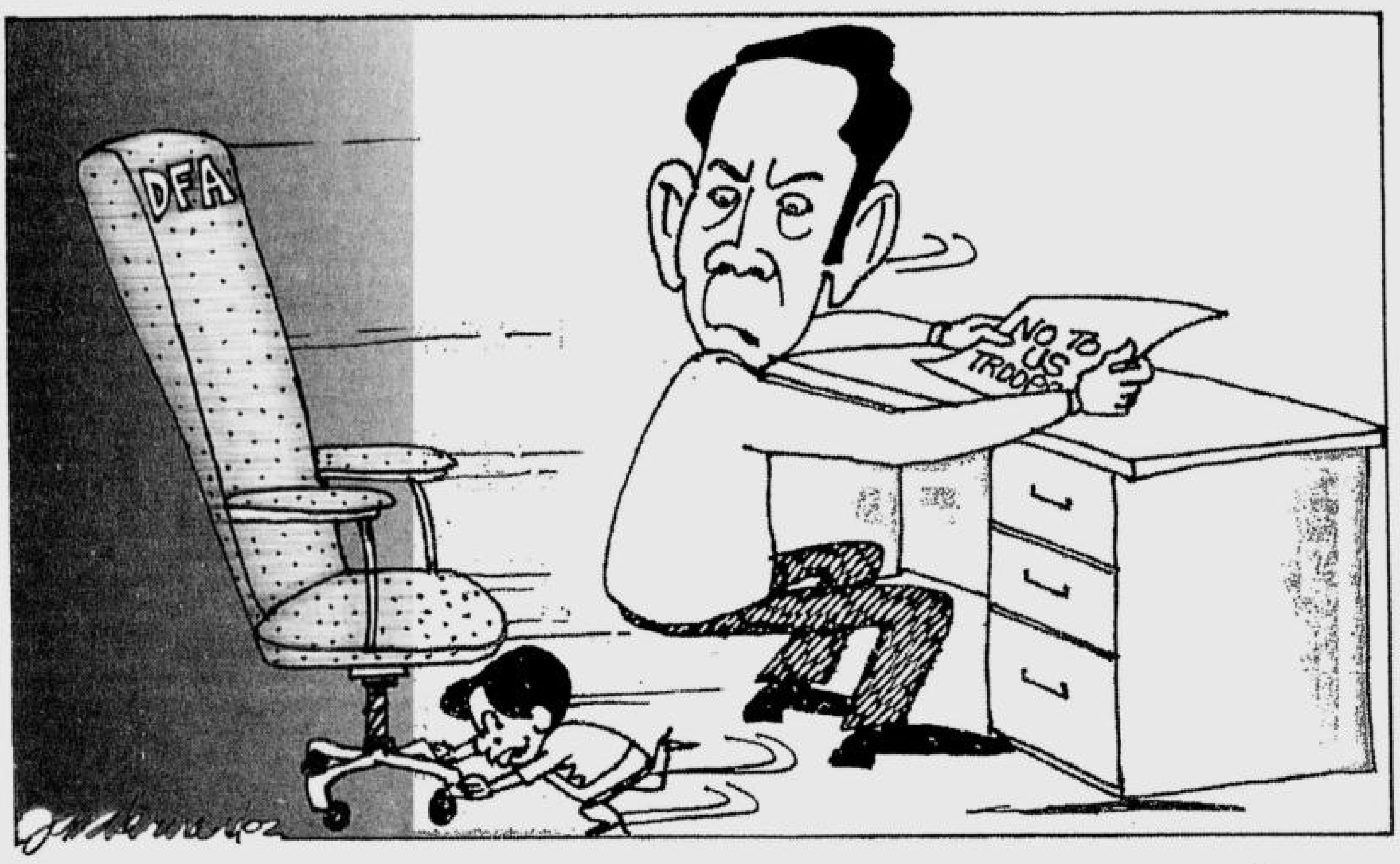
The primary target of the MMDA's recovery campaign is the region's population of sidewalk vendors, but the sprawling government agency will also eliminate trees, plants, extended fences, parked vehicles and other obstructions occupying sidewalks. "Not even poverty can be an excuse," Fernando said last week. "All obstructions will be demolished, not just shanties and stalls."

It is in this context that the MMDA said it will explore the possibility of opening up certain strategically located villages to outside traffic. To be sure, this is not the first time that subdivision roads have been opened to public use. Even McKinley Road, which cuts tony Forbes Park in half, has been a public route for many years now. The difference is that the man in charge—the NCR's "chief janitor," in his own words—has both the track record and the unambiguous mandate to clear the traffic (and clean the garbage mess). "The idea is to form a wide loop of access roads that will cut through villages and connect key streets," Fernando said.

As with any plan, this one has shortcomings. Will the MMDA, for instance, be able to post enough additional personnel to lend village security guards a helping hand during rush hour, when the exclusive subdivisions will presumably open their gates to public use? Who will pay for the wear and tear of the village roads used? This is already a serious issue for village associations, even without the complication of public access.

These and similar valid concerns need to be ironed out, but in the end the matter is a test of good citizenship. Unfortunately, it is not enough for villagers to say they have done their duty because they pay the correct taxes. In these parlous times, when at least one out of every five Filipinos thinks the country is "hopeless," our definition of good citizenship must expand in order to fill up the slack.

Now, not even wealth can be an excuse.



Larry Alcala raised cartooning to a new art form

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

THEY buried Larry Alcala yesterday. With him were buried the dynamic duo, Kalabog en Bosyo, the man of "S" (S for *siopaw*), Siopawman, the wasteful Asyong Aksaya; the pretty and always youthful teenager Tipin, Mang Ambo and other lovable cartoon characters, plus the widely popular "Slice of Life," perhaps the only full-page cartoon in the world. For unlike other famous cartoonists who had and have assistants who continue their comic strips after they themselves are gone, Larry did not have any, not even an "inker," the assistant who draws in ink the pencil drawings of the principal cartoonist and writes in the letters of the dialogue.

For Larry did everything himself—despite the numerous daily and weekly comic strips—from conceptualizing the characters, weaving the stories, drawing and inking his cartoons, to sometimes personally delivering the batches of comic strips and collecting his paychecks. Most other cartoonists have other jobs and draws their cartoons as a sideline. Not Larry. His cartoon characters earned his bread and butter and raised his family.

But most of all, Larry raised cartooning to an art form. Together with two cartoonist-contemporaries and close friends, Malang and Hugo Yonzon Jr., Larry graduated from the world of cartoon to serious art. Malang did the daily "Kosme the Cop" and the weekly "Chain-Gang Charlie" in the Manila Chronicle. Yonzon did the daily "Sakay and Moy" in the Manila Times. Later, these two excelled in painting, turning out much-coveted, and therefore expensive, and really first-rate masterpieces in oil and canvas. Larry is better known for his cartoons but he also did some serious painting. I have an early watercolor of his of a landscape on Avenida Rizal. He has finished two huge murals. He was working on a third for Tagaytay Highlands when he died. Plus, Larry is the most-filmed cartoonist in the world. Six movies have been made of Larry's comic strips.

Together, the triumvirate of Alcala, Malang and Yonzon raised the cartoonist to new heights of honor and respectability. All three of them deserve to be elevated to National Artist.

I don't know if their closeness as friends, had something to do with the parallel development of their art. I personally witnessed how they developed from cartoonist to serious painters. The trio are compadres; I myself am a compadre of all three. Together we played domino and later poker night after night, first in one house then in another (I wasn't very good at either), and billiards long before Efren "Bata" Reyes came into the picture. Together, we went sketching (me only to watch and write stories) with other artists, some of whom are now National Artists (Vicente Manansala, Botong Francisco, Ang Kiukok) and other now well-known artists like Jose Blanco, Sym, Rafael Asuncion, Emilio Agilar Cruz, Songkayawon, Ong Buagian and others. Together we haunted the art galleries of A. Mabini, and together the triumvirate and other cartoonists opened The Bughouse off Mabini, a gallery exclusively for cartoonists.

When the deadline for Larry's then weekly "Kalabog en Bosyo" was near, he would pop up at the Chronicle newsroom and invite the This Week staff (Malang, Johnny Gatbonton, Lito Molina, Arnold Moss, Amante Paredes and me) to *merienda*. The reason was to pick our brains for ideas for "Kalabog en Bosyo." That was probably how Larry got so fat. He was spending so much time in restaurants and canteens.

For Larry was thin in his younger days. You can see that in his early "Kalabog en Bosyo." We were all fans of Alfred Hitchcock, and particularly liked his cameo appearances in his movies. He would pop up unexpectedly for a few seconds in some scenes, walking in the background with a cello, or sitting in a crowd, and we would rush to the first showing of any new Hitchcock movie to be the first to see the familiar mug with the pouting lip and big belly of the director. Larry adapted this touch to his comic strip. He would draw his own likeness walking across a frame of his comic strip à la Hitchcock. His early likenesses were thin. Readers quickly caught on, and before they even read the strip, they would look for the likeness of Larry.

When I asked Larry to make "Slice of Life," for the Weekend Magazine of the Daily Express, I asked him to put in his character somewhere in the scene. As time went by, it became too easy to spot him. So I asked him to hide his profile so that looking for him became a game. At first he hid it behind fences and rocks, among the leaves of trees and bushes, then on calendars and photos. The readers soon learned where to look so I asked him to make it harder. He made it a real puzzle. Sometimes a reader had to turn the page sideways or upside down to find his distinctive profile disguised as several different objects. Besides the social comments that it made, I think this contributed a lot to the popularity of "Slice of Life." Readers vied with one another to be the first to find the Larry profile.

Now you will see the originals of "Slice of Life" cartoons, colored by Larry himself, hanging as art in many homes. Several art exhibits of his "Slice of Life" originals were sold out.

Larry had kept most of his originals. I wish somebody will publish books of his comic strips, particularly "Kalabog en Bosyo," "Siopawman," "Asyong Aksaya," "Tipin" and another coffee table of "Slice of Life."

Do you realize that Kalabog en Bosyo must be at least 50 years old and Tipin even older? But they have not aged at all. Kalabog en Bosyo have unnoticeably grown shorter and fatter but Tipin remains as young and pretty a teenager as when Larry first drew her. She should be a grandmother now, but she found the fountain of youth.

Larry has not. He had grown older and fatter but his sense of humor remained forever young. All of us are diminished that Larry is gone and can no longer make us laugh. But when you hear thunder, that's Larry making the people up there laugh.

News

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

PRESIDENT Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo says newspapers like the INQUIRER see only the bad side of things. Take for example the latest Pulse Asia survey. It said 19 percent of Filipinos felt the country was hopeless and wanted to leave it. But 20 percent were undecided and fully 60 percent said they were perfectly willing to stick it out here. Yet the INQUIRER chose to zero in on the 19 percent.

Well, the time-honored definition of news is that it's what's rare or uncommon. A dog bites a man, the classic example goes, that is not news. A man bites a dog, that is news. By that very principle, however, I would have to agree with Ms Macapagal: The INQUIRER is wrong. The real news is not that 19 percent of the population want to leave the country. The real news is that 60 percent want to remain in it.

These days, that is what has become rare or uncommon.

More seriously, however, that is truly a mind-boggling finding, the fact that 19 percent of the population have given up on the country and want to go. Elsewhere in the world, you have 5 percent of your population saying that, and it would be cause for alarm. To have a fifth of your population saying it, well, Jaime Cardinal Sin's protégé, Bishop Socrates Villegas, has every reason to be dismayed, even if he himself is one of the reasons several outstanding movie directors now find moviemaking in this country hopeless and want to leave.

I am not surprised by it though. I thought the figure would be higher, judging by the tenor of the stuff that comes out in the e-mail. I myself have warned about it several times. The first time was last year when I visited the United States and learned about how people I never expected to leave the country were already either living in the United States or were planning to. The second time early this year when a businessman friend of mine told me the Chinese were leaving in droves because of the cutthroat competition put up by the fastest-growing industry in the country, namely, kidnapping. And the last time only recently after a banker told me some key figures in the banking and business sector were calling it quits and packing their bags.

The reasons are legion. Runaway crime, in the case of the Chinese. They have nowhere to turn to, the cops merely being the uniformed face of crime. Many kidnappings they themselves have solved in more ways than one by turning to bounty hunters. You have a "Dear Larry" Mendoza being promoted to the Department of Transportation and Communication instead of being sacked for consorting with the enemy, you are going to see a lot more Filipinos leaving the country. Corruption has gotten worse, everything from virtue to TRO being up for sale. Talk about an abiding faith in the market! And while at that, a wrong-headed policy of false globalization is ravaging the economy and forcing local businessmen to look elsewhere for opportunities.

I thank God people like Jose Javier Reyes have not yet left the country. He was among those who worked tirelessly to oust Erap, a thing fraught with danger for someone in show-biz—at a time when Ms Macapagal was assiduously preserving her hide—and all he got by way of reward from the President was to be branded a pornographer. Ms Macapagal swiftly took Socrates Villegas's position that "Live Show" was not fit for human consumption. I thank God Reyes still wants to do movies, and not of the Mama Mary variety.

I myself have found every reason to want to leave the country. You look at what's happened this last year alone and you wonder what we all fought Edsa II for. I particularly mind that an unelected president, one we shoved into power with the hope, or dream, of building a proud and free nation, has single-handedly turned this country back into an American colony. I do not mind that her son has a kind of wedding that makes one ask if they are truly the descendants of "the poor man from Lubao," as Diosdado used to call himself. I do not even mind anymore that Ms Macapagal campaigns furiously from dusk till dawn, putting her picture in P200 bills to remind us that the peso is shrinking even more furiously. But turning this country back into an American colony, that I mind.

A lot of e-mail writers complain that the media are to blame for regaling the outside world with nothing but bad news. It is enough, they say, to discourage even the most intrepid *balikbayan*, quite apart from the very trepid investor and tourist, from taking the next flight to the country. My answer is simple: Quite apart from the part that media can only report what they see (arguably with exaggeration and even invention every now and then), who in God's name has been giving the country a bad name and driving out the tourists?

Who has been giving the world the impression that this country is crawling with terrorists it needs American troops to defeat the scourge? Who has been giving the world the impression that this country is the stoutest tentacle in the terrorist octopus known as al-Qaida? Who has been giving the world the impression that this country has become another Afghanistan, as George W. Bush explicitly put it in his "axis of evil" speech?

President Macapagal herself.

I don't know that the 19 percent who said they want to leave the country really do have the means to do it. They may not know it, but the world has become less and less hospitable of late, particularly to Filipinos. But whether they can do so or not, it is a thing to worry about, having a fifth of the population thinking they are prisoners in their own country.

There is always an alternative to leaving, however. There is an alternative to running away. There is an alternative to escaping. That is standing your ground. That is facing the enemy. That is fighting back.

But that's another day, or column.

* * *

Comments to dequiros@vasia.com

Guingona's 2004 'agenda'

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

THERE seems to be attempts in the media to twist the light banter between Vice President Teofisto Guingona and the media at the MOPC "Vice President's Night" last Thursday evening; the reports are making it appear that he has categorically stated at that occasion that he is running for president in 2004. Nothing seems farther from the truth. I was at that dinner, and it was obvious to all of us that there appeared to be mutual consent between the guest and the media to make light of the day's earlier "mistaken" announcement of Guingona's resignation, to help ease the tensions. In the open forum after his speech, the VP was asked if he was "running in 2004" and he said he is, but that he has not yet decided for what post. Pressed on by the wicked Tony Lopez if he was running for president, Guingona replied that "that's possible but not in the realm of the probable," and that he still doesn't know who his runningmate would be. He quipped that he still has to consult his "adviser," Star's Max Soliven; the latter, red as a beet, retorted, "Why don't you ask your wife?" and Ruthie Guingona laughed. The entire time this repartee went on, Guingona was smiling broadly, as was the audience.

The Palace should take the Guingona "political agenda" for 2004 in this light vein, as treating it with seriousness would be to misread it or read it out of context. Unless the Palace operators want to blow it up to quickly cover up Thursday's resignation fiasco.

* * *

Speaker Jóse de Venecia was recently quoted by the Inquirer as opining that the VP's resignation statement was "released prematurely." Last Thursday is, in fact, being traced directly to this premature release. De Venecia and Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo had spent a lot of time in the past weeks going over the various "options," as JDV called them, open to the VP following his agreed departure from the DFA around mid-July, just before the State of the Nation Address. JDV was quoted in the Inquirer as saying that the details were to be finalized with Guingona's approval after JDV got back from a trip abroad (he left that same afternoon of the fiasco). Last Wednesday the three officials had lunch at JDV's Dasmariñas Village home and everything appeared okay, with the VP submitting to them the advance draft of his "resignation letter" presumably to be used for mid-July.

* * *

The question was, why was this resignation letter distributed to the media prematurely? Apparently, the President was sold by a group believed by some media people to be the shadowy "Sikatuna" group operating in the Palace and the DFA the idea that the VP was going to attack her and her pro-US policies in his MOPC speech last Thursday evening. The explanation being given in the media was that GMA believed this spin, got angry and ordered Guingona's resignation letter released to the media that day. By last Thursday noon the tri-media were blaring all over that Guingona has resigned, catching the VP completely by surprise. The DFA was peppered with queries from around the world.

The curious thing is that Press Secretary Silvestre Afable keeps stressing until now that "communication lines (between the two top officials) remain open," but obviously, those lines weren't used at all to ascertain last Thursday whether the VP's attack indeed was coming. A simple call to him by acting Executive Secretary Avelino Cruz would have sufficed. Sources said that by late afternoon, when all hell had broken loose, one ranking Palace official returned the VP's irate call about what's going on, and this official finally learned that the speech would touch only on routine issues such as the need for cooperation on the Balikatan issue, the DFA's economic thrust, absentee voting for the OFWs, etc. But by then it was too late—the resignation letter had already been sent out to the media, to which the VP angrily replied that he hadn't resigned.

* * *

Curiously, however, some members of the Sikatuna group had told some people Wednesday evening that "something big" was going to happen on Thursday, i.e., Guingona was going to resign. But only that group seemed to know. Soliven, in his column yesterday, spoke of former foreign secretary and now presidential adviser for international competitiveness Roberto Romulo frantically calling the President recently to say that US Secretary of State Colin Powell's trip to Manila might be delayed if Guingona remains at the DFA. At the ANC program "On Line," host Gene Orejana referred to talks that former Ambassador to Washington Raul Rabe was reported to be the Kano's choice for the DFA post.

* * *

There's speculation that the aim of the premature release of the resignation letter, which completely sabotaged the timetable devised by JDV and Romulo, was to anger the VP into resigning on the spot; but the move backfired as he dug in last Thursday night. By yesterday, however, as the Inquirer banner story said, the tide had turned, and the VP said he would resign by the middle of next month, the original schedule. While this looks like victory for his adversaries, that resignation has plenty of implications. The VP is the Lakas party president, and his ungraceful exit could divide the party at a time when unity is so badly needed. Representatives Magtanggol Gunigundo and Miguel Zubiri publicly questioned the move against the VP in the light of their opinion that he has done well at the DFA; doubtless he has his sympathizers. Moreover, the obvious influence on the President of the shadowy Sikatuna group understandably worries some citizens. Then there's the fact that the opposition is having a field day exploiting this event which shouldn't even have happened, given that there is already an exit process on track.

Cradle of anthropologists

KRIS-CROSSING MINDANAO

Antonio J. Montalvan II

AT THE OPENING ceremonies, the emcee couldn't help but wax ecstatic: "Isn't this a historic occasion?" Indeed it was.

The "occasion" was the formal rites that took place in Cagayan de Oro City last June 20, marking the start of the Mindanao Consortium for Professional Studies in Anthropology. This consortium was conceived by the top universities of Mindanao: Mindanao State University (Marawi, Iligan, GenSan), Notre Dame University of Cotabato, Ateneo de Davao University, Ateneo de Zamboanga University and Xavier University-Ateneo de Cagayan, all representing the five geographical clusters of Mindanao.

The consortium's aim is to implement pioneering graduate and postgraduate degree programs in anthropology. More than produce graduates with higher degrees in anthropology, it expects them to be well equipped with the skills needed in forging cross-cultural understanding in these times of intense social and cultural change.

That idea was first hatched when the region's topnotch anthropologists and historians met in Zamboanga City two years ago for a special conference on the plight of the Sama Dilaut people (mistakenly known as Badjao to most of us). Sensing a bright idea about to be born, ADZU president Fr. William Kreutz, S.J. invited the group to a "free lunch" and offered to locate funding. Planning took almost two years. Finally, it was publicly launched last April 10 in the Island Garden City of Samal during the 24th national conference of the Ugnayang Pang-Aghamtao (UGAT), the Anthropological Association of the Philippines.

Thanks to Father Kreutz's and these educators' efforts, Mindanao today looks forward to 20 future indigenous anthropologists who are enrolled in the program, 18 of whom are full-time Ford Foundation scholars. The 20 are a motley group that represent Mindanao diversity, ethnically and professionally: four are Moro (two Maranao, a Tausug, a Maguindanao), a Bagobo-Manobo, an Igorot who has settled in Mindanao for many years now, several academicians, two journalists (one of whom is deeply involved in information technology for the Mindanao Business Council), an alternative theater advocate, a Church-based grass-roots concern NGO director, a young graduate fresh from college and a Manila anthropologist who has found a future in Mindanao.

But the program's underlying aim is not just to produce graduates in anthropology. It is, first and foremost, to produce Mindanao anthropologists. Isn't that peculiar? Doesn't Mindanao have anthropologists? Oh there are about a handful, some of whom are among the best in the country and are known internationally. On the other hand, is it because Mindanao has not been studied? That is neither the case.

Mindanao is home to the majority of the country's indigenous ethnolinguistic groups, the lumad. The program recognizes the need for a better understanding of Mindanao's diverse cultures and for designing effective and culturally sensitive approaches to improving people's lives and help achieve Mindanao peace. With that singular aim in mind, the program hopes to give rise to a special genre in Philippine social science known as Mindanao Studies.

Frequently we are overwhelmed by our Imperial Manila culture that has so deigned an apparent lack of understanding of Mindanao culture, whether of the Moro, Lumad, or Christian settlers. The program foresees that by breeding a new generation of Mindanao Studies experts, the cultures of the Mindanao tri-peoples will not remain strange to most Filipinos and go unappreciated.

No one could have been more apt to deliver the inspirational message at the opening ceremonies. Fr. Miguel Bernad, S.J., probably the finest national historian that Mindanao has ever produced, exhorted the program to be not just for earning units which, he said, is easy to do and is done only by diploma mills (of which there are many). More than a place for earning units, a school should be a center of learning. That is difficult, he said, for to be a learning center, it must have the best of professors, the best of library and research facilities and the best of training. Then can others say that it is as great as Harvard or as great as Yale.

Indeed, the program's educators are among the best of Mindanao's anthropologists and historians, including its outstanding Moro scholars, with impeccable degrees from some of the more famous universities (UP, Ateneo de Manila, Pittsburgh, London, Virginia Tech and Cologne, Germany). Later this year, there will be the first of a number of visiting professorships, a German anthropologist who is studying the Mamanwa of Surigao. Although based largely at the Xavier campus, it will be a peripatetic program with intense field work around Mindanao sites and universities.

Eventual linkages will also be established by the consortium's member institutions with universities around Southeast Asia. This linkage will involve the exchange of expertise and methodologies, including the holding of international conferences.

Mindanao, cradle of anthropologists, is not just all about Abu Sabaya's cadaver, which Ruben Ecleo Jr. might probably resurrect from the dead anyway.

When will we realize that, by first understanding Mindanao culture, Filipinos will better understand themselves, and not the other way around?

* * *

Comments to monta@sni.ph

Guingona's filibuster and the Fourth of July

COMMENTARY

Dean Jorge Bocobo

JUNE 12, back to which President Diosdado Macapagal moved Philippine Independence Day in 1962, is not so far away from this week's Fourth of July, American Independence Day, which is officially Philippine-American Friendship Day. Since it is celebrated here with as much fondness and fervor as ex-lovers remember some bittersweet exchange of promises to "at least be friends," perhaps July 4 should be renamed Philippine-American Independence Day, as in, from each other.

In the intervening years, we have demonstrated very little independence as a nation, but we have given America, far more than friendship. We have given her our flesh and blood, our best and brightest. For example, consider the oftencited brain drain statistic, that about 80 percent of all the medical doctors ever produced by the state-run University of the Philippines Medical School since 1946, have left the Philippines for greener pastures abroad, mostly the United States.

For over half a century, market-driven periods of hemorrhage have occurred in the nation's stock of dentists, nurses, computer experts, engineers, artists, teachers and other highly valued professionals. (Heck, even tricycle drivers and *yayas* want to get out, as evidenced by the slow, inexorable procession into diaspora outside the US Embassy in Manila, also called the pursuit of happiness.)

Of course, many countries have lost such people to the United States, ever since its immigration laws started a system of preference in 1965 for people with specific skills needed there, rather than the previous quota system based on national origin alone. Besides, what is brain drain to a bureaucrat, is the promise and reality of a better life for millions of Filipino emigrants and OFWs.

Official figures put at 2.5 million the number of Pinoys in America. But this may be a conservative estimate that does not take into account the effects of a Filipino fecundity and a naturally gregarious disposition that instantly dissolves racial and social barriers. Nor does it include the unverifiable number of overstaying Filipino "tourists", anecdotally placed at anywhere from 1 to 2 million, or even more. (Okay, okay, minus 63 in handcuffs on Con Air last week.) All told, there could easily be 3 to 5 million Filipinos in America. They are already the fastest-growing Asian ethnic group, and among the most respected and socially mobile.

Ironically the situation of Filipinos since Independence, from whichever date in history you reckon it, is very different at home. Hapless in endless misfortunes, in a hell, indeed run by Filipinos for over half a century, today's Filipinos, cannot be blamed for welcoming Uncle Sam back with open arms and unabashedly wishing for a heaven run by Americans, like the one Quezon so pridefully disparaged. For Filipinos in the Philippines, hopelessness is surprisingly low at 19 percent or one out of five, given a situation that has produced a Ferdinand Marcos, a Joseph Estrada, and promises some nastier continuations in the species of senator and presidential wannabes now jockeying for position.

Today, renewed American military presence in the Philippines has created a huge disagreement between the overwhelming majority of Filipinos led by their President, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, and the small but significant opposition of ideological nationalists led by no less than their Vice-President and still Foreign Secretary Teofisto Guingona.

At last week's MOPC event, he presented a picture of wounded personal and national pride, and recited from the litany of sometimes justifiable nationalist resentment over the corpus of Philippine-American historical relations, as well as Gloria-Guingona relations.

But what supersedes Guingona's concerns, principled and nationalistic though they be, is the fact that America needs our help as an ally and a friend, because she is in mortal danger, and so are millions of Filipinos who call her their homeland now. In opposing the pro-American policies of the government, Guingona ignores the plight of all Filipinos, especially those in America. They are literally living under a sword of Damocles, that could at any moment fall and kill one or two people, or one or two million.

Today, the war on terror has made the American heart, grow fonder once more of its abandoned child, the Philippines. We've even gotten our Abu Sabaya (probably), while they have not seen hide nor hair of Osama bin Laden. But the American president is a lot smarter than his detractors give him credit for, because George W. Bush seems to understand, that America cannot allow what happened to Afghanistan to happen here. When the West forgot and abandoned Afghanistan, after Afghanistan broke the will of the Soviet Union in an epic 10-year war of *mujahedeen* resistance, the West opened the doors to the continuing nightmare of Sept. 11.

It is in the abiding interest of the Philippines to help its old friend in a time of supreme peril and supernal need, no matter what treacheries and dominations America was guilty of in the past. There will be no shame in securing our own survival while helping even a previously disloyal friend. It is time for Guingona to end his filibuster, though not his vigilance. No doubt about it, the Americans have a lot of *atrazos* we could be sore about, but we can settle old scores later, if either country survives with democracy and freedom still intact. Happy Fourth of July!

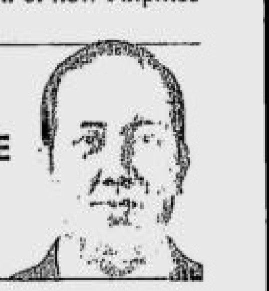
* * *

Comments to deanjbocobo@yahoo.com

Negative survey news

READERS' ADVOCATE

Raul J. Palabrica



WHEN it rains, it pours.

Hardly had the heat over the Inquirer's gaffe in its description of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's height blown over, another potshot came from Malacañang criticizing the newspaper's June 26 banner that screamed "19% of Pinoys want to leave, say RP hopeless."

The accompanying news report described the findings of a private survey company on the question of how Filipinos feel about the problems that presently confront our country.

By uncanny coincidence, the day before, a chartered airplane from the United States landed at the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport in Pampanga carrying 63 Filipinos who were repatriated to the Philippines for violation of US immigration rules and conviction for various offenses.

The subject banner story and the photo of the airplane were published side by side at the top of the June 26 front page. The photo appeared to validate the survey finding that many Filipinos are keen on leaving this country.

An irate President Macapagal chided the Inquirer before a group of businessmen and professionals for highlighting the bad side of the survey and ignoring the positive side of the findings, that is, 60 percent of the population do not want to migrate.

When I first read the headline in question, something told me that it was going to invite a reaction from Malacañang and the opposition. True enough, they did and fast.

The President virtually branded the Inquirer a "false prophet." The opposition, on the other hand, blamed the administration for the reasons that prompted the survey respondents to answer the way they did.

Yes, Virginia, the 12 opposition senators believe they are completely blameless for the loss of confidence by most Filipinos in the democratic system of government as presently practiced in our dear Philippines.

Shock effect

Reacting to the survey, a Filipino expatriate in Saudi Arabia asked, "how can 1,200 respondents constitute 19 percent of the total population that is at 65 million? Even if you say that this is scientifically proven, it is not conclusive as far as the Filipinos are concerned.

"We are not like the Americans. If you poll 12 squatters at Payatas to form the 1,200 respondents, does that mean all squatters nationwide agree with the 12? If you polled two journalists from a tabloid, does that mean their opinions are for all journalists?

"I hope you do not give much prominence to these surveys as these firms' output do not represent what they purportedly surveyed. They are just like any other company; [they're out] to make money. An institution like PDI should not support these pollsters."

For another reader, giving premium treatment to the 19 percent who have lost faith in the country constituted a big disservice to the Filipino people. She complained that the Inquirer "as usual, focused on the negative aspects of the survey and completely ignored the items that will show that most Filipinos still love our country."

Now, let's hear it from the editor who wrote the controversial headline and approved the layout of the June 16 front page. He explained that he emphasized the "19 percent" aspect of the survey to call attention to the increase in the number of Filipinos who have lost faith in the ability of the government to solve our problems.

He wanted the headline to send a strong message to whoever cared to listen that something must be done as soon as possible to prevent the outward migration from reaching a critical level.

The fact that the economic elite, or the people who do not have financial problems, share the sentiments of the less economically well-off members of our society in their frustration with the system should be cause for real concern.

He doubts if coming up with a headline along the lines suggested by President Macapagal, like "80% of Pinoys still want to live in the country," will effectively convey the message he wanted the newspaper to send to the country's political and social leaders.

Evaluation

I agree with the editor's statement that the headline in question had to be written the way it was published.

No doubt, it was depressing. It showed the extent to which our self-esteem as Filipinos has dipped. Things appear to have become so helpless to the 19 percent, which is equivalent to eight million Filipinos, that, given the opportunity, they would not hesitate to take the first flight available to any country that promises to improve their lives.

I doubt if the President or any responsible member of the administration would have taken notice of the survey findings had the Inquirer written the headline differently.

It's sad, but true, that in our country the national or local leadership does not attend to problems unless they've reached critical or catastrophic proportions. No government official gives a damn about the strict implementation of building regulations until scores of people die because they were trapped in a building that did not comply with fire security measures.

The exploitation and maltreatment of overseas Filipino workers hardly merited the attention of our labor officials until the coffins of Filipino housemaids who allegedly committed suicide out of depression started arriving with alarming regularity.

The shock approach is the best way to get things done in the bureaucracy. If you want to get a quick (but not necessarily effective) response from the government, do something that will force it to take notice. Anything short of that approach will only elicit "I'll see what I can do" or "I'll ask somebody to look into it" reaction from the government functionaries.

Apparently, the editor's shake-em-up approach worked. The President has taken notice of the survey findings although she disagreed with the manner by which the Inquirer caught her attention. Surprise, even some of members of Congress who are usually too lazy to do anything productive during the congressional recess, have promised to do their share in solving the problems that make Filipinos plan on leaving the country.

Sometimes, telling the truth hurts. But it's better that it is said early enough so the proper remedies can be taken before the problem gets out of hand. It should be in that context that the controversial headline should be taken.

* * *

The readers' advocate may be reached at the following address: "The Readers' Advocate" c/o Philippine Daily Inquirer, Chino Roces Avenue corner Yague and Mascardo Streets, Makati City. Or through fax nos. 897-4793 to 94, or readersadvocate@inquirer.com.ph.

Protecting the small rice farmers

DUBBING the plan to further open the local market to imported rice as a safety net program for farmers is exceedingly outrageous. There is an apparent desire to mislead the small rice farmers and consumers. Why would farmers want to import the same commodity that has been their major source of livelihood for many years? The government explains that the tariffs to be collected from the planned importation of rice would be used for programs to develop the local rice sector. This is bordering on the ridiculous. Why source the funds to develop the rice sector from a scheme that may eventually spell the death of the local rice industry itself?

Liberalization adherents claim that it would be more economical for the country to import its rice requirement than to locally produce the commodity because of steep production costs. We have been importing rice for so many years now, they argue, so the issue of liberalized importation is actually moot and academic. But this view is myopic. In the long run, it is to our advantage if local rice production will be improved, as this will guarantee the country's food self-sufficiency. For a cash-strapped country like the Philippines, this will significantly reduce its vulnerability against a possible rice shortage in the world market.

Why the government even came up with the proposal to open up the market for the entry of imported rice is beyond explanation. Or so we thought. It appears that the approval of the proposal is tied to the Asian Development Bank's Grains Sector Development Loan Package (GSDLP). The plan appears to be put on hold for now but while that may be so, the fact is that the government, by pushing for its approval, has put the welfare of millions of small rice farmers and the country's food security on the line in order to access the loan package. This is callous, to say the least.

For many small rice farmers across the country, these developments highlight the urgency of taking a more pro-active stance in demanding from the government a comprehensive safety net program. It is clear by now that they cannot wait for the government to act on its own to protect the small rice producers' interest. What the country's small rice producers need are more adequate safety nets in the form of various production and post-harvest support services, not the dismantling of whatever little protection they still have left under the imposition of quantitative restrictions.

Were it not for the strong opposition from farmers' groups, the government would have undoubtedly pushed through with the plan. Instead, it postponed implementation of the plan. It is incumbent upon small rice farmers to push the government to heed their demand for a full review of our trade commitments, and the implementation of measures to protect our local rice sector. Only through their vigilance and their collective action can they expect a redirection of the government's rice policies.

—ROVIK S. OBANIL, policy advocacy officer, Agri Trade Center, Philippine Peasant Institute, Commonwealth Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

LETTERS
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Heherson Alvarez ought not resign

I'M reacting to recent articles urging Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez to folllow the example of Transportation Secretary Pantaleon Alvarez rho resigned and chose not to face his detractors at the Commission of Appointments. Many have praised Pantaleon for having *"delicadeza"* and have rebuked Heherson for being *"kapit-tuko"* on his position.

We all know that both have faced stiff opposition at the commission but the issues against Heherson are nowhere near the corruption charges against Pantaleon.

Heherson's detractors include a disgruntled official who allowed the excessive importation of cancer-causing chemicals; a businessman who was accused of landgrabbing by Southern Luzon farmers; a lawmaker lobbying for a logging company who owes the government millions in forest charges; another politician bent on preventing the implementation of an administrative order that would give back to poor fisherfolks the areas that have long been encroached on by the commercial fishermen; city council officials who have no respect for the country's cultural heritage; and other individuals fueled by selfish interests or vindictiveness.

Clearly, Heherson is being opposed for having the guts to do what is right.

It is therefore unfair for Heherson to do a Pantaleon.

Most of the issues against Heherson have already been resolved in previous hearings of the commission. Some of them have proved to be a nuisance and a waste of time and people's money. According to reports, Heherson would have been confirmed had it not been for the Senate coup.

Too bad, he didn't get confirmed earlier.

—ROMIE REYES, 12 Acacia St., Valle Verde 3, Pasig City

An agenda besides PPA controversy?

I REFER to the column of Neal H. Cruz last June 25, titled "FVR signed IPP contracts despite oversupply." In the column were inferences about our independent power producers' contracts with the National Power Corp. (Napocor) that we find to be grossly unfair, inaccurate and malicious. The portion of his article referring to us repeats practically verbatim the allegations in an opinion column of another daily of last week that were based on the same erroneous facts and wrong understanding of our contracts. This makes us wonder what could be behind this campaign. Is there an agenda besides the PPA issue?

We have to correct the disinformation sowed by this article with the same reply we sent the other daily the other day:

1. All our contracts with the Napocor were obtained through transparent international public bidding, which we won aboveboard through the merits of our offers. Ours were always the lowest complying bid. Any relationship that our principals or their in-laws may have with this or any other administration is not relevant. Any assertion that our contracts were secured because of them is completely unfounded and malicious.

2. We do not charge a PPA fee but capacity fees, fixed operation and maintenance fees and energy fees.

The capacity fees are meant to allow us to recover the investment capital that we put up to build our plants, funds which the Napocor would otherwise have borrowed if it constructed these plants by itself. To put matters in perspective, the total cost of our plants exceeded $300 million. Interest alone on this amount at an average rate of 10 percent p.a. would amount to $30 million per year. Principal recovery over an average period of 15 years would amount to $20 million per year, or a total of $50 million per year, or P2.6 billion at the current exchange rate. In this context, P2.6 billion in annual payments including our operation and maintenance fees to enable us to recover our debt and equity capital is not unreasonable.

Fixed operation and maintenance fees are meant to pay us for the cost of our personnel, plant management, spare parts and supplies, and overhead necessary to be ready.

—TIRSO G. SANTILLAN JR., EVP, Alsons Consolidated Resources Inc., Alsons Bldg., 2286 Pasong Tamo Ext., Makati City

Complaint on GSIS compensation policy

I AM an ordinary government employee, a member of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) for the past 23 years and have been paying my premiums religiously. Unfortunately, I got sick and had to have an emergency incisional hernia operation last April 24. I incurred huge debts due to the operation and the ongoing medication. So, I applied for the sickness income benefit claim (employees compensation) hoping it would be granted. But it was disapproved because, as a certain Dr. Teano explained, an earlier surgical operation I had in 1992 (total hysterectomy) was not properly done so my abdominal muscles had weakened. I don't contradict her medical evaluation but, are there no other reasons to be considered aside from that?

I was frustrated by the response to my claim. I was expecting that in a situation of dire need I could depend on my GSIS benefits. It proved futile.

Lastly, the GSIS should inform me of the kinds of sickness that are compensable on the day documents required are handed in, to eliminate long days (almost two weeks) of waiting and the tedious process of following-up claims.

—REMEDIOS C. JOSE, 3301 R. Magsaysay Blvd., Sta. Mesa, Manila

IF you have any complaints, grievances or suggestions about the treatment of news and photos by the Inquirer, you may write to the Readers' Advocate, Philippine Daily Inquirer, Chino Roces Avenue, corner Yague and Mascardo Streets, City of Makati or send a fax to Nos. 897-4793, 897-4794, or e-mail readersadvocate@ inquirer.com.ph

Writers of letters to the editor are requested to include their complete address and telephone or pager number or e-mail address for verification purposes. The Inquirer will not publish any letter unless such information is supplied.

AIG American International
PHILAM
VISA
BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
citibank
VISA
Diners Club International
Equitable PCI
VISA
METROBANK
VISA
Standard Chartered
VISA

Deals Like These Won't Last Forever!

MITSUBISHI MOTORS Service Plus
DEFERRED PAYMENT PLANS
0% UP TO 6 months
9-24 MONTHS REDUCED INTEREST RATES
As low as P3,000 minimum billing*
5% Discount on Parts (for MS Plus Cardholders only)

Maintaining Your Car Never Came This Easy!

For a limited time you can charge your major maintenance costs to your **AIG, BPI, CITIBANK, DINERS CLUB, EQUITABLE, METROBANK** and **STANDARD CHARTERED** credit cards! They even come with various deferred payment plans and very low interest rates. PMS jobs (heavy), Engine Top Overhaul and Transmission Overhaul won't have to put a big dent in your budget. It's factory-certified service with light and easy payment plans.

- ** Minimum availment of Php 3,000 for AIG, BPI, CITIBANK, DINERS CLUB and METROBANK; Php 5,000 and up for EQUITABLE and STANDARD CHARTERED cards required*
- *AIG, DINERS CLUB and STANDARD CHARTERED cards for select MS Plus dealers only*
- *All Plans subject to bank approval*

Promo runs until August 31, 2002
Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 2182, Series of 2002.

Service Plus Card Service Plus FACTORY CERTIFIED Genuine parts
See your nearest Mitsubishi Service Center now!
MITSUBISHI MOTORS

METRO MANILA Diamond Motor - Santolan – Tels 724-1305/723-3884 Diamond Motor – Quezon Avenue – Tels 414-0436/37 Diamond Motor – Marcos Highway – Tels 681-4133 Diamond Motor – Valle Verde – Tels 671-4393/2071 Diamond Motor – Fairview – Tel 418-3030 Union Motor – Paco – Tels 563-5690/5671/564-7381 Union Motor – Caloocan – Tels 361-1603/364-2061 Union Motor – J. Abad Santos – Tels 253-1372/73 Citimotors – Makati – Tels 817-5264/7052 Citimotors – Las Pinas – Tels 805-3971/3940/1749/802-1751 Mitsubishi Motors Balintawak – Tels 330-8928/7564/7574 LUZON Carworld – Pampanga – Tels (045)961-1510/3005 Carworld – Tarlac – Tel (0452)982-2083 Carworld – Marilao – Tels (044)711 2973/2894/2899 Carworld – Malolos – Tels (044)791 2405/06 Freeway Motor – Baliuag – Tels (044)766-4235/36 Freeway Motor – Isabela – Tel (078)682-8401 Freeway Motor – Cabanatuan City - Tels (044)463-1391/5105 Motorplaza – Calasiao – Tel (075)517-3060/5635/6204 Motorplaza – Urdaneta – Tel (075)568-2502/3312 Motorplaza – Bauang, La Union – Tel (072)242-0610 Motorplaza – Baguio City – Tel (074)446-0157 SFM Sales – San Pablo – Tel (049)562-0090 SFM Sales – Lipa City – Tel (043)756-5522 CALEB MOTOR - Naga City - Tel Nos. (054) 811-0119, 473-4055 473-4077 VISAYAS Avescor Motors – Iloilo – Tels (033)335-0748/336-5396 Avescor Motors – Bacolod – Tels (034)435-2111/433-0452 Mitsubishi Motors Cebu Corp. – Tels (032)345-1233/2146/1974/420-5777 Mitsubishi Motors Dumaguete – Tels (035)225-1427-29 Mitsubishi Motors Tacloban – Tels (053)323-3724/2380 Mitsubishi Motors Tagbilaran – Tels (038)411-5841/2661 MINDANAO Mitsubishi Motors Butuan - Tel (085)815-9399 Mitsubishi Motors Cagayan de Oro – Tels (08822)732-508/053/792 Karasia – Davao/North – Tels (082)222 1111 to 13 Karasia – Davao/South – Tels (082)298-0177/1490 to 93 Karasia – Tagum - Tel (084)217-3582 Mindanao Integrated – General Santos - Tel (083)302-0392 Zamboanga Motors – Zamboanga City – Tels. (062)991-1152/1698/2138

North Korea says South orchestrated sea battle

SEOUL—North Korea on Sunday accused the rival South of orchestrating a deadly sea battle on Saturday and refused to make an apology demanded by the Seoul government.

A North Korean Navy command spokesperson, quoted by the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA), said the conflict in the Yellow Sea was a "treacherous" move by the South Korean military.

"The serious military provocation made by the South Korean military authorities is aimed to orchestrate a shocking incident at a time when the World Cup is going on and shift the blame for it onto" North Korea, the spokesperson said.

It was "a bid to chill the desire for inter-Korean reconciliation and reunification growing strong among the South Korean people and impair the international prestige of the DPRK."

The spokesperson said the battle was part of "the anti-reunification and treacherous moves of the South Korean military authorities."

South Korea earlier said North Korean patrol boats opened fire after crossing the unofficial sea frontier between them. A South Korean vessel was hit and sunk while being towed away with four South Korean sailors killed, one missing and 19 wounded. *AFP*

AMERICAN and South Korean commanders salute sailors killed in a clash with North Korean warship. AP

SOUTH Korean Gen. Song Ki-suk briefs journalists on naval clash. AP

S. Korean sailor recounts clash with Nokor ship

SEOUL—Navy Staff Sgt. Hwang Chan-kyu thought a North Korean warship in South Korean waters would soon withdraw like many other communist ships that had violated the poorly marked sea border.

As his patrol boat was about to sail away after issuing loudspeaker warnings, the North Korean boat suddenly opened fire. His ship took a direct hit, killing four crewmen and wounding 19 others. One was missing.

In an interview broadcast Sunday, Hwang gave his account from a military hospital bed in Seoul of the clash on the previous day, the worst between the Koreas in three years.

"I could see the number '608' on the North Korean ship and thought the distance was pretty close," Hwang told KBS-TV, a South Korean television news station.

"All of a sudden, I saw a glint of bright light from the enemy ship and a moment later, our ship was ablaze," said Hwang, who suffered minor shrapnel wounds and had a bandage around his head.

South Korean warships returned fire during the 21-minute battle. One Northern ship was seen being towed away in flames.

Ahn Gi-seok, a Navy commodore at the South Korean office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Sunday that North Korea suffered about 30 casualties. He did not elaborate.

The Korean sea border is not clearly marked, prompting the two sides to lay conflicting claims to waters. But North Korean ships that violated the border usually retreated when challenged by South Korean military ships.

Responding to a request by the US-led UN Command for a meeting to discuss the incident, North Korea said Sunday that the sea border, called the Northern Limit Line, should be abolished.

North Korea spelled out its demand in a letter Sunday, the national Yonhap news agency reported.

Kim Yong-kyu, a spokesperson for the UN Command, confirmed receiving a letter from the North, but did not release its contents.

The armistice that ended the 1950-53 Korean War did not demarcate a sea border between the two Koreas, raising sovereignty disputes over some waters.

Hoping to avoid possible armed conflicts, the UN Command imposed a sea border after the war. North Korea has never accepted the line.

The sea border was calm Sunday.

Two North Korean warships and about 30 fishing boats appeared in the area but stayed on their side of the border, South Korea said. Ferry services to the area resumed.

Also Sunday, 540 South Koreans left by ship on a sightseeing tour of scenic Diamond Mountain on North Korea's east coast. The tourist program is a major source of cash for the North.

Hwang said the first North Korean shots hit his ship's steering room, fatally wounding the commanding officer, Lt. Yoon Young-ha. Three sailors died in gunfire that followed.

"Lt. Yoon was bleeding heavily from his back but was still alive, so I tried artificial respiration on him but it wasn't helpful," Hwang said. "A few feet away, I saw another colleague dying, and I pulled the trigger on my machine gun like a madman." *AP*

It's N new life

First, We Gave You Twins. Now, We Deliver Soakmatic Clean In One.

Soakmatic now in single tub models. One clean reason to say "Goodbye, overnight babad!"

National, the first to give you Soakmatic clean in twin tub washing machines, delivers another clean breakthrough. The new National Single Tub Soakmatic Washing Machine

The one with the revolutionary Soak / Wash Timer that incorporates overnight "babad" and machine washing in just 45 minutes.

So you enjoy clean, hassle-free washing that lets you soak in more time with your family!

New National Single Tub Soakmatic Washing Machine

It's N new clean of whiter results.

Soakmatic

SOAK / WASH TIMER

PROVEN 30% BETTER CLEANING EFFICIENCY CLEANEST RESULTS

Other Soakmatic Models Available:

NA-S60R4SB (6.0 kg.)
NA-S75R4SB (7.5 kg.)
NA-W45R3WB (4.5 kg.)
NA-W52R3SB (5.2 kg.)
NA-W60R3SB (6.0 kg.)

NA-S50R4LB (5.0 kg.)

National

Israeli train bombed; Palestinians rounded up

JERUSALEM—A bomb exploded along the route of a passenger train south of Tel Aviv on Sunday, injuring two passengers, while the Israeli Army rounded up all Palestinian males in a West Bank refugee camp for questioning.

The blast occurred around 2 km north of Lod station, shattering the windows of one carriage and causing a halt in rail traffic, Israeli police Superintendent Gil Kleiman told AFP.

Two people were lightly hurt, while a third passenger was suffering from shock, he said.

"At this stage of the inquiry, everything leads us to believe that this was a Palestinian attack," said Kleiman.

A Palestinian suspect in the area was detained for questioning, local police official Haim Cohen said, adding that 500 passengers were on the train when the five-kilo bomb packed with scraps of metal detonated.

A high state of alert gripped Jerusalem late Saturday after police received warnings of an imminent attack on the city's ultra-Orthodox Jewish area, police sources said.

Israeli police and security forces were deployed in force in the central Geula neighborhood, near the orthodox Mea Shearim district, they said.

Rabbi Ovadia Yossef, spiritual leader of the ultra-Orthodox party Shas, cancelled a weekly lecture he was to give in Geula after being told by police to stay at home.

On Sunday, Israeli troops rounded up for questioning all males aged between 15 and 40 in Ramallah's Al-Amari refugee camp on the football pitch of a local school, witnesses and military sources said.

Mohammed Bajess, who was among several men who returned home Saturday after the Army lifted a day-time curfew on Palestinian towns it has occupied since June 19, was among those rounded up, his mother Nada Bajess told AFP.

Soldiers, she said, were also carrying out house-to-house searches in the camp in an operation that started at dawn and was still going strong more than seven hours later.

Elsewhere in Ramallah, the Army detained for questioning 27 Palestinians who were riding in two ambulances in the city, military sources said.

Five other Palestinians were arrested overnight by the Army during separate sweeps on the West Bank, military sources said.

Soldiers also took over the house of Ibrahim Saleh in the West Bank town of Dura overnight, after ordering its owners to evacuate the building, witnesses said.

The house is located on the main road leading to the southern city of Hebron, where the Army on Saturday blew up a Palestinian Authority administrative compound, which it had besieged to flush out militants.

Troops continued to sift through the rubble of the building Sunday for bodies of Palestinian militants presumed killed when the structure was brought down with explosives, military sources said.

So far no bodies have been retrieved from the flattened building, the sources said, adding that two handgliders, including a motorized one, were found in the debris.

Israeli military intelligence recently warned against a possible Palestinian airborne attack on Israeli targets. **AFP**

Mahathir sorry for putting party above family

KUALA LUMPUR—Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad has apologized to his family for staying on as Malaysia's leader after attempting to step down, a news report said Sunday.

Mahathir stunned the country on June 22 when he announced without warning at the ruling party's annual congress that he was resigning. Watched by millions of Malaysians on national television, party leaders mobbed him at the podium and convinced him to retract the resignation.

Under a transition plan announced three days later, Mahathir will hand over his powers as party chief and head of government to his deputy, Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, over the next 16 months to ensure stability.

Mahathir's son, Mokhzani, told the Malay-language Mingguan Malaysia newspaper that Mahathir's wish to resign immediately had been genuine, but he was swayed by party officials who insisted they still needed him.

"I'm sorry, I have to put the party ahead of the family," Mokhzani quoted Mahathir as telling him.

"This was the first time in my 41 years as a son that he said such a thing to me," Mokhzani said in the interview, published Sunday. "All this time, my father has sacrificed himself for the party, the people and the nation, putting them above his own family."

Mokhzani said the family had long awaited Mahathir's resignation, as his schedule kept him too busy to spend enough time with them. **AP**

Kuwait hangs 3 Bangladeshis in public

KUWAIT—Three Bangladeshis convicted of raping and murdering a Sri Lankan maid were hanged Sunday, and for the first time in two decades, the public was allowed to look at their bodies minutes after they died.

Bangladesh had appealed for sparing the lives of Anwar Khan Mohammed, Anwar al-Zamman and Mohammed Abdul-Sattar, who had paid blood money to the family of the victim. Kuwaiti authorities turned down the appeal, according to their lawyer, Ahmed Qorban.

"This achieves public deterrence," the Prosecutor-General Hamed al-Othman said after the execution that took place in the courtyard of the capital's executive seat. "No doubt, this will cut down on crime in our country."

Lawyer Qorban said, "Taking the life of a human being is ugly and public hangings are an insult to humanity. But the problem in Kuwait is that crime has increased." **AP**

TURKISH AIR FORCE
KABUL
APOD

TURKSIH and British commanders (left photo) unveil a statue of a black eagle, symbol of the Turkish Air Force, during the handover ceremony at the Kabul airport as British soldiers (right photo) take down the Union Jack. AP

Turkey takes command of Kabul airport

KABUL—Turkey, the only Muslim NATO member, took command Sunday of the strategic Kabul airport, the key lifeline for the Afghan capital and international peacekeepers stationed in this war-ravaged country.

Turkish Air Force Col. Kazem Ondul accepted command from Britain of the 2,453-member international force stationed at the airport. Britain is expected to scale back its forces in Afghanistan.

On June 20, Turkey—a historic Afghan ally—took command of the 19-nation peacekeeping mission in the capital.

"Our mission is to run and maintain the airport up to international standards and one day return it over to the Afghan control," said Ondul during the formal handover ceremony which included flyovers by two helicopters and inspection of the Royal Air Force and Turkish troops.

The large airport, which was closed during the Taliban rule, was heavily damaged during the Afghan civil war in the early 1990s and the Soviet occupation in the late 1980s. More than 50,000 mines still cover the airfield's perimeters, outgoing British commander, Capt. Graham Stacy said.

He said that when the Royal Air Force arrived at the airfield in January this year with an advance party, "we were faced with a bare, desolate and bombed airfield."

Since April, the buildings and operating surfaces were cleared of more than 800 unexploded bombs and mines, the craters were filled in and electricity, doors and windows were restored to the buildings, Stacy said.

"On the first day we started with nothing," Stacy said. "Within three days, the first strategic aircraft started landing."

"Mines are still a major problem, but it will take months rather than weeks for the mines to be cleared," he said.

"This airport has been like a child to us, and its not easy to give your child to other hands," Stacy said. "But we know we are leaving it to the very capable" Turkish air force.

Turkey has had close ties with Afghanistan since King Amanullah invited in the Turks during the 1920s to help his army, and Washington is keen to promote majority-Muslim Turkey as a secular, democratic role model for Afghanistan. The United States is also eager to show that its war against terrorism has Muslim allies and is not a struggle between the West and Islam.

The size of the Turkish contingent in Afghanistan increased to 1,400, making it the largest group in the more than 4,000-strong international force. Germany has the second largest at 1,200 troops. Turkey is expected to hold command for a six-month term that could be extended. **AP**

Pakistan appeals for help in finding Bin Laden

KARACHI—Calling them "dangerous religious terrorists," the Pakistani government made a public appeal Sunday for help in finding Osama bin Laden, his top aide and 16 other al-Qaida members.

The appeal, made in a news release carried in at least one Urdu-language newspaper, did not say if authorities believe Bin Laden or the others are in Pakistan.

The statement features photographs of Bin Laden and 17 others including his chief deputy Ayman al-Zawahiri. It urges people not to support jihad, or Islamic holy war, if it includes terrorist acts.

"Those who kill innocent Pakistani people are the enemy of peace and country," the Urdu-language statement says. "Their purpose is terrorism and destruction. Their religion is only terrorism. Terrorism is not jihad. Support the Pakistani government against terrorism."

The statement does not make any specific allegations against bin Laden.

It includes quotes in Arabic from Islam's holy book, the Quran, denouncing terrorism and urges people with information about terrorists to contact police, who would treat sources and information as confidential. No reward money was offered.

The statement was distributed to local and international news outlets late Saturday, and was carried in the Sunday edition of the Daily Jang newspaper in the southern city of Karachi. The statement was not carried in major newspapers—including Jang—printed in the capital, Islamabad.

Pakistan became a key US ally in the international coalition against terrorism after President Gen. Pervez Musharraf cut ties with Afghanistan's former Taliban regime following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States. The Taliban was ousted last year by Afghan coalition forces backed by US bombs for sheltering al-Qaida.

Bin Laden and many top al-Qaida and Taliban leaders escaped the campaign. US Special Forces have been searching remote tribal-controlled regions along Afghanistan's border with Pakistan, where officials say up to 1,000 al-Qaida and Taliban fighters may be hiding.

Ten Pakistani soldiers were killed last Wednesday in a gunbattle with al-Qaida suspects in a village on the Pakistan side of the frontier. Two al-Qaida fighters were killed and dozens escaped, prompting thousands of Pakistani troops to flood the area. **AP**

Former Afghan queen's body returned to Kabul

KABUL—To the solemn strains of a funeral march, the body of Afghanistan's former queen, Homaira Shah, was returned to Kabul on Sunday for burial in the royal family tomb.

The former king, Mohammad Zaher Shah, and Afghan President Hamid Karzai were among the crowd of dignitaries on hand to meet the Italian military plane carrying the body when it touched down in blazing afternoon sunshine at Kabul's battered international airport.

Old men in Afghan military regalia, representatives of Pashtun tribes in full traditional dress of robes and turbans, and many Cabinet ministers from the current and former interim government stood by and watched quietly as the red-and-green coffin was unloaded from the plane, borne by uniformed military pallbearers.

The king, dressed in a dark suit, walked with Karzai beside the coffin as it was paraded past the ranks of mourners, then loaded into a black hearse that drove out the gates of the airport.

The ex-queen died Wednesday of cardiac arrest at age 86. She had been married to her husband, the former Afghan monarch, since she was a teenager.

The burial was to take place later Sunday at the bullet-pocked royal tomb on a hill overlooking the capital, said Homaira Wali, her granddaughter. Memorial and funeral services were set Monday in two Kabul mosques, she said. **AP**

Police catch 14 more illegal immigrants

SYDNEY—Police hunting illegal immigrants who escaped in a mass breakout from a remote Australian detention center caught 14 more of them, leaving 10 still on the run, a spokesperson said Sunday.

There were growing fears for the health of the eight men and two boys still at large as temperatures in the desert around Woomera, a former missile-testing base in the outback, dipped below freezing on Saturday night and were expected to do so again Sunday.

Prime Minister John Howard urged the remaining Woomera escapees to give themselves up to avoid another night out in the cold.

"Nobody wants people to be in detention and of course we don't want people exposed to the elements without food, and I would hope they could be encouraged to give themselves up," Howard said in Sydney. **AP**

Power shift inside Indon military could undermine terror

JAKARTA—A recent power shift inside the Indonesian military has raised questions about a US proposal to resume aid to the country's Armed Forces and is likely to have an impact on the war on terror in the world's most populous Muslim country.

The Bush administration is moving to reestablish ties with the Indonesian Army—cut off three years ago over human rights violations in East Timor—as a way of keeping al-Qaida-linked terrorists out of Southeast Asia.

But when Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri earlier this month appointed an Army general to replace a Navy admiral as head of the military—bypassing an Air Force marshall next in line for the job—she raised the profile of an institution whose credibility among Indonesians has been severely eroded.

Some Indonesians believe their country's security would be better served by reducing, not bolstering, the prominence of the Army-long discredited by human rights abuses and corruption.

Analysts say the Navy and Air Force, not the Army, are best equipped to prevent al-Qaida operatives from slipping into the 13,000 islands that make up the 4,825-kilometer-long Indonesian archipelago-the largest in the world.

"We should develop the navy, which can guard the whole border of Indonesia, and the Air Force, which can strike any point" in the country, said Tamrin Amal Tomgola, a university professor and government adviser.

Nonetheless, others are hoping that the Army's renewed power will make the institution less inclined to court Muslim fundamentalists-as it has often done in recent years as a way of counteracting civilian efforts to curtail its influence.

Indonesia's role in the war on terror took on new importance last year when neighboring Singapore discovered what it said was an Indonesia-based al-Qaida-linked network intent on sowing terror and establishing a pan-Islamic state in Southeast Asia.

Before the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States, Washington focused on reducing human rights abuses by the Indonesian military. The Bush administration still voices concern about human rights, but now the main priority appears to be ensuring Indonesia's cooperation in the war on terror.

This week's appointment of Army Gen. Endriartono Sutarto as military head has been criticized as a reversal of a government policy seeking to end the Army's domination of the military by promoting top officers from the Navy and Air Force-services considered untainted by human rights abuses.

Sutarto played a key role in last year's ouster of reformist President Abdurrahman Wahid, helping pave the way for Megawati's ascension to power. But he is mostly known as the commander of bodyguards of former dictator Suharto, who ruled Indonesia with an iron fist from 1966 to 1998.

The Bush administration is backing an anti-terrorism bill that would send $8 million to Jakarta to create a police unit to fight terrorists, but Congress has so far not approved the closer cooperation with Indonesia's 300,000-strong military. The push to reestablish relations is spearheaded by Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, a former ambassador to Jakarta.

At a news conference last month, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld said the administration had been "interested in finding ways to work with the Congress to reestablish the kind of military-to-military relations which we believe are appropriate,"

Rumsfeld said. He did not elaborate on what those might be.

"If Indonesia were to go bad, it would be spectacularly bad,"

Wolfowitz said at a recent defense ministers conference in Singapore. "I also believe if Indonesia succeeds . . . it can be a very important model for the Muslim world."

Indonesia's need to appear cooperative with Washington's anti-terror agenda may be offset by its need not to alienate Muslim factions ahead of national elections in 2004.

The Army-though fiercely secular for much of its 57-year history-forged alliances with Muslim fundamentalists during the Wahid administration.

Wahid "was very hostile to the military. He interfered quite a lot in the Army and they didn't like it. What they did was try to badger him and destabilize the whole country," said Tomgola.

"Ethnic conflicts were triggered by military factions that didn't like Wahid." **AP**

Church apologizes to New Zealanders

WELLINGTON, New Zealand—In a letter of apology read to Roman Catholic congregations across New Zealand on Sunday, bishops expressed "grief and shame" over sex abuse by priests and other church members.

The Church last week revealed it had documented 38 cases of sexual abuse by Church officers in the past 50 years, and offered victims an "unreserved" apology. It was the first admission of widespread sexual abuse in New Zealand's Catholic Church.

The cases included complaints against priests, monks and lay leaders for alleged abuse against adults, teenagers and children.

In the southern city of Christchurch, a group has called for an inquiry into sexual abuse by clergy in the St. John of God religious order, alleging up to 20 new cases of priests abusing boys.

"The deepening realization of the number of cases of sexual abuse perpetuated by priests . . . is a cause of grief and shame to all of us," said the letter of apology, which was issued by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference.

"The betrayal of trust and the harm that has been done, especially to the young and the vulnerable fills us, your bishops, with a deep sense of sadness and betrayal," it said.

The President of the Bishops' Conference, Bishop Peter Cullinane, said the apology was to all Church members on behalf of the clergy. *AP*

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Monday, July 1, 2002
13th Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: **Am 2:6-10, 13-16**
Gospel: **Mt 8:18-22**

When Jesus saw the crowd press around him, he gave orders to cross to the other shore. A teacher of the Law approached him and said, "Master, I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

Another disciple said to him, "Lord, let me go and bury my father first." But Jesus answered him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

Commentary

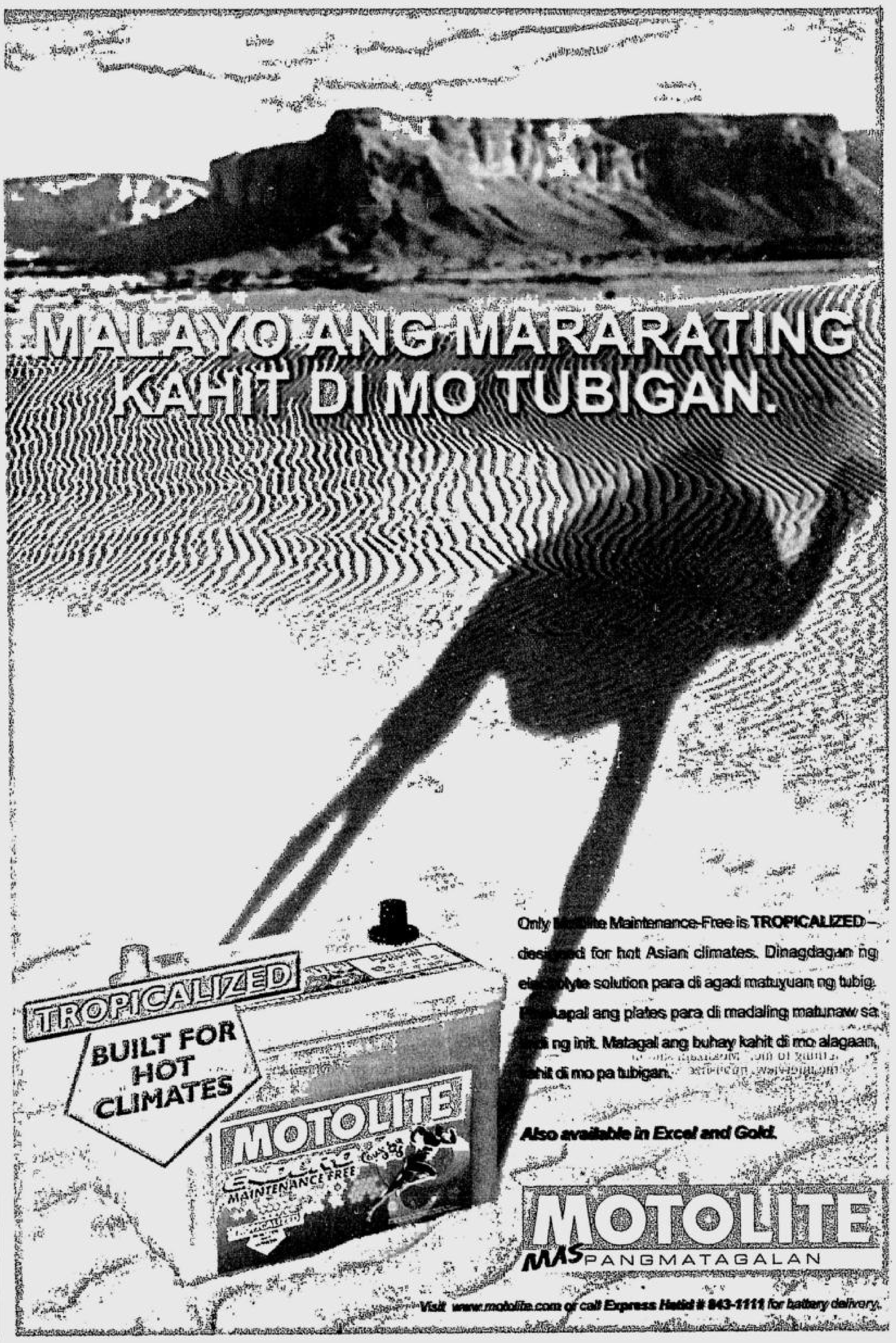
Looking for nothing but Jesus, attached to nothing but him. Most of us wish to follow Christ but not at the expense of leaving things and people behind. The difficulty of the call is to abandon our security, our families, ourselves. Jesus makes it clear that to share in his life and mission is not an easy thing. It is only for courageous and free persons. When applicants visit Claret Seminary, all of them present good desires; but when they become aware of their inner motivation, many of them recognize that they are not ready to follow the Lord. As low as five percent of the applicants of one year are courageous enough to enter the formation program and live the demands that the calling implies. And to think that the demands are for all Christians!

Claretian Publications Inc., 8 Mayumi St., UP Village, Diliman, Quezon City, UP P.O. Box 4, Diliman, 1101 Quezon City; Tel.: 921-3984; Fax: 921-7429; E-mail: claret@cn1.net; Websites: http://www.bible.claret.org (Claretian Publications Inc.) & http://missionaries.claret.org (Claretians in the Philippines)

SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

REMEDIAL LAW (CIVIL PROCEDURE)—Appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court over decisions of the Sandiganbayan is limited to questions of law. It is well settled that the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court over decisions or final orders of the Sandiganbayan is limited to questions of law. A question of law exists when the doubt or controversy concerns the correct application of law or jurisprudence to a certain set of facts; or when the issue does not call for an examination of the probative value of the evidence presented, the truth or falsehood of facts being admitted. A question of fact exists when the doubt or difference arises as to the truth or falsehood of facts or when the query invites calibration of the whole evidence considering mainly the credibility of the witnesses, the existence and relevancy of specific surrounding circumstances as well as their relation to each other and to the whole, and the probability of the situation. The Supreme Court is not a trier of facts. It is not the Court's function to examine and weigh all over again the evidence presented in the proceedings below. [Citations omitted.] [Justice Pardo, First Division, Republic v. Sandiganbayan, G.R. No. 135789, January 31, 2002]

DIGEST BY R.B. VERA

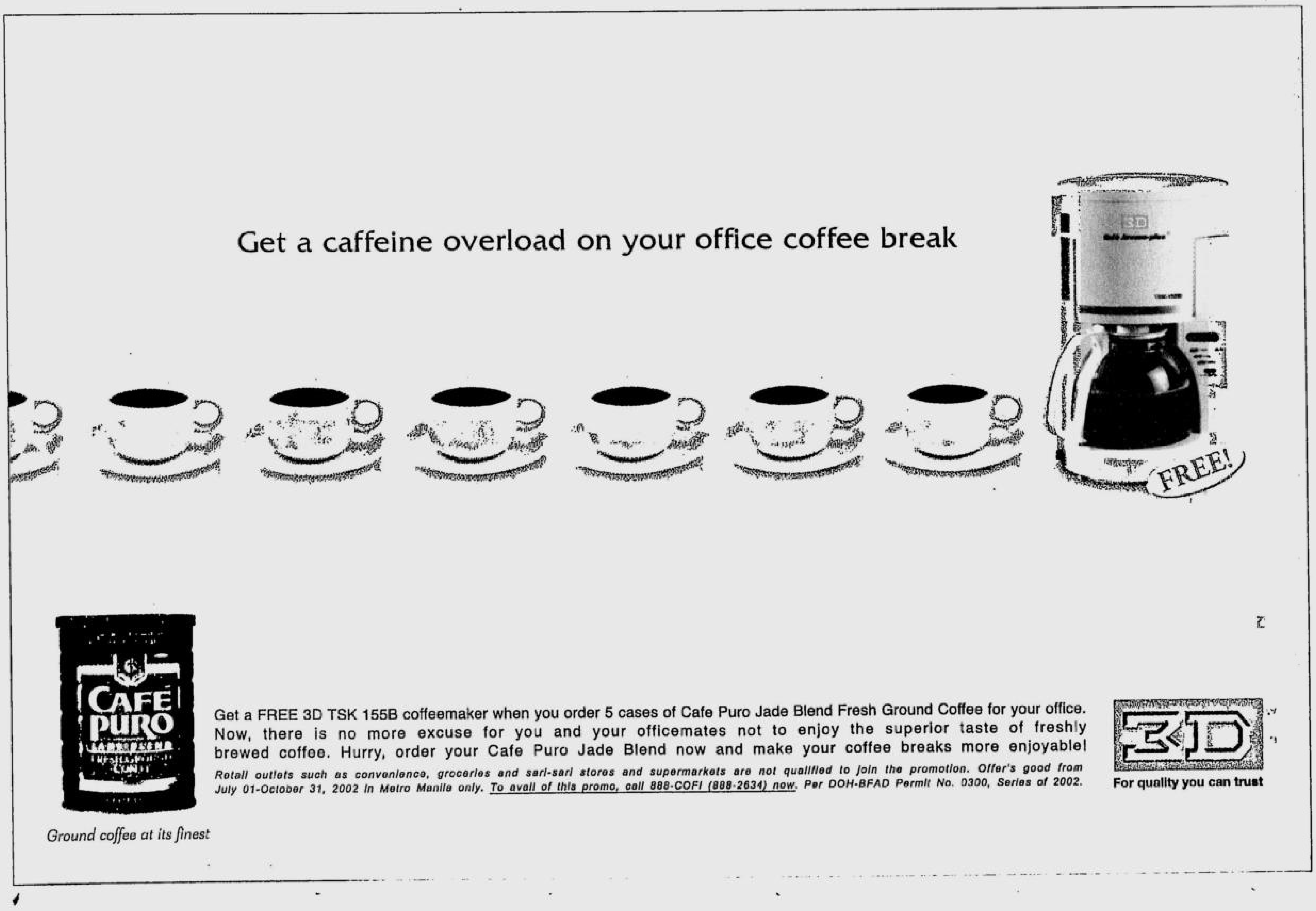


Only Motolite Maintenance-Free is **TROPICALIZED**—designed for hot Asian climates. Dinagdagan ng electrolyte solution para di agad matuyuan ng tubig. Pinakapal ang plates para di madaling matunaw sa [illegible] ng init. Matagal ang buhay kahit di mo alagaan, kahit di mo pa tubigan.

Also available in Excel and Gold.

MOTOLITE
MAS PANGMATAGALAN

Visit www.motolite.com or call Express Hatid # 843-1111 for battery delivery.



Get a caffeine overload on your office coffee break

Get a FREE 3D TSK 155B coffeemaker when you order 5 cases of Cafe Puro Jade Blend Fresh Ground Coffee for your office. Now, there is no more excuse for you and your officemates not to enjoy the superior taste of freshly brewed coffee. Hurry, order your Cafe Puro Jade Blend now and make your coffee breaks more enjoyable!

Retail outlets such as convenience, groceries and sari-sari stores and supermarkets are not qualified to join the promotion. Offer's good from July 01-October 31, 2002 in Metro Manila only. To avail of this promo, call 888-COFI (888-2634) now. Per DOH-BFAD Permit No. 0300, Series of 2002.

Ground coffee at its finest

3D
For quality you can trust

Northern Luzon Bureau
Room 201, Bonuan Apartelle
10 Happy Glen Loop, Baguio City
Tel. No. (074) 443-9255
Fax No. (074) 443-8971
E-mail: inq_baguio@inquirer.com.ph

Southern Luzon Bureau
23 Aurora St.,Old Albay District
Legazpi City
Tel. No. (052) 820-8402
Fax No. (052) 820-1274
E-mail: inq_bicol@inquirer.com.ph

Across the NATION

Assistant Editor **Tony Bergonia**

Visayas Bureau
c/o Cebu Daily News
18-15 Escario St., Cebu City
Tel. Nos. (032) 233-0346/233-0349
Fax No. (032) 232-9938
E-mail: pdivis@skyinet.net

Mindanao Bureau
FEP Printing Corp. Bldg.
Ma-a Road, Davao City
Tel. Nos. (082) 244-1770 to 71
Fax no. (082) 2441771
E-mail:
pdiminda@dv.webling.com

Voters urged to reject 'drug money'

By Lino Gilbert K. Parone Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—Cebu Archbishop Ricardo Cardinal Vidal has urged the public to vote only for candidates who are not tainted with "drug money."

In a pastoral statement, Vidal said voters could help in the fight against illegal drugs and narco-politics by ensuring that candidates with dubious backgrounds would not prevail in the barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections on July 15.

Vidal said his appeal was "not a call to vigilantism," but was issued only to ensure "that the candidates that they vote for are not tainted with drug money."

"If the proliferation of illegal drugs is in itself a big problem, narco-politics is an allied danger lurking in the shadows," Vidal said.

He defined narco-politics as "the use of drug money to corrupt and usurp the political system, making it subservient to the illegal drug trade."

Vidal said the goal was to set up a "narco-state" so political patronage would be in the hands of drug lords. The election campaigns, he added, were financed using profits from illegal drugs. Resort to terror would then become the means of maintaining power.

The term narco-politics was used to describe the influence of drug lords in Latin-American governments. It became a byword in the country last year when Army intelligence chief Victor Corpus warned that the Philippines was in danger of being ruled by drug cartels that were backing influential political figures.

Drug money, he warned, would be used to ensure the election of candidates with links to the drug syndicates.

In his pastoral letter, "I Came That They May Have Life," Vidal said insatiable greed and lust for power were what the Plenary Council of the Philippines (PCP II) listed as root causes of the problem.

"Corruption has taken on a new face in the country, threatening us with the totalitarian onslaught of the drug culture," Vidal said. "Drugs do not just affect individuals and their families. It holds the entire nation hostage."

To change this, Vidal said the public should ensure:

- That Church and lay leaders make sure that funds and contributions they received did not come from illegal drugs;
- That legislation related to drug problem would lead to the dismantling of well-entrenched drug networks, that drug money may not be laundered and the confiscated drugs, not be recycled;
- That more credible witnesses would be encouraged to testify through support and incentives;
- That justice may be served in the cases on prohibited drugs; and
- That economic programs be made available as alternatives to the drug trade.

Vidal said data from the United Nations Office of Drug Control and the Crime Prevention's World Drug Report 2000 showed there were about 1.8 million shabu and 2.64 million marijuana addicts in the country.

"In 1972, there were only about 20,000 marijuana addicts. Only about 5,000 addicts can be accommodated by rehabilitation centers," he said.

About 60 percent of shabu addicts in the Philippines were from the youth sector, a majority of whom was poor. The illegal drug trade was reportedly a P65 billion a year industry.

The statistics showed that in year 2002, about 800,000 Filipinos, ages 7 to 21, were in danger of becoming addicts. Six to seven of every 10 heinous crimes in the country were drug-related.

Negros gov't awed by Abu plan to build fast boats

By Alex V. Pal

DUMAGUETE CITY—If plans materialize, Negros Oriental will soon have its fleet of locally made fastcrafts comparable to those being used by the Abu Sayyaf.

Mayor Hector "Tata" Villanueva of Bais City, Negros Oriental announced a plan to build a patrol craft powered by at least three outboard motors for Bais City.

These patrol crafts will be made to safeguard not only Bais' beaches but also to provide security for tourists who go on whale and dolphin watching tours, the popular attraction here.

These dolphin and whale watching tours, which is patronized by thousands of local and foreign tourists every year, is one of the big-time tourist drawers, not only for Bais but the entire province.

Villanueva said the idea came about after he saw the boats being used by the Abu Sayyaf in the newspapers and on television.

The boats used by the bandits, he said, were powered by five 250-horsepower engines.

"The most important things are the engines. When we have the engines, we can easily have the body made here and it could probably not exceed P500,000," he told the INQUIRER.

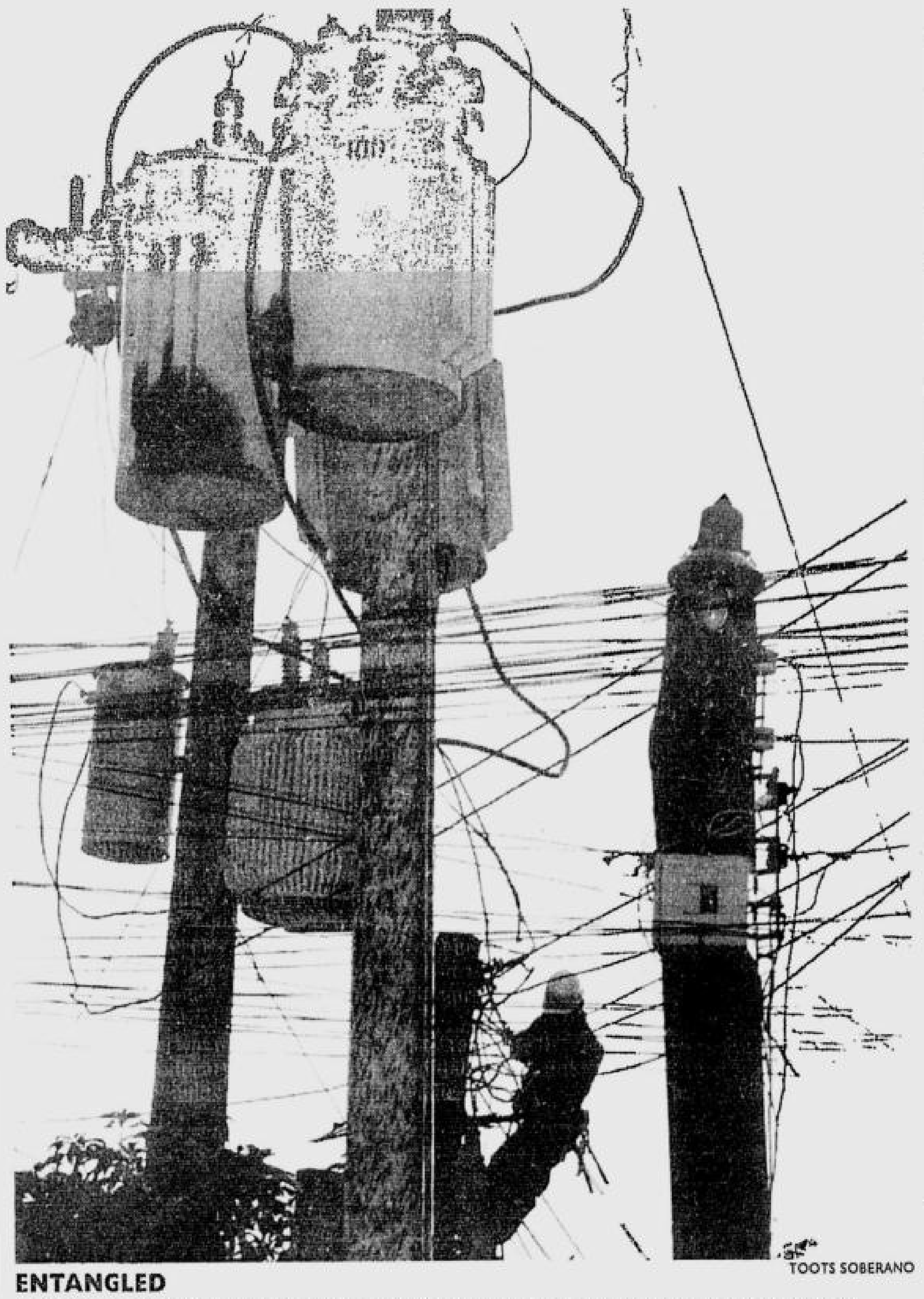
He said he was trying to convince the mayors of the coastal cities of Tanjay, Dumaguete and Bayawan, Negros Oriental, to adopt his idea so that Negros Oriental could have at least four of these fastcrafts for emergency purposes.

In the aftermath of the Dos Palmas kidnapping last year, the Philippine Navy has stationed its elite anti-kidnapping force called Task Force Stingray here in Dumaguete.

The members of Task Force Stingray are Navy SEALS, who can be deployed anywhere on three navy ships and one aircraft, under the command of Capt. Alex Pama.

But Villanueva told the Provincial Peace and Order Council that they could not always depend on the Navy because they may be pulled out anytime.

"We cannot be sitting ducks who will be defenseless if the Abu Sayyaf would dare strike in Negros Oriental," he said.



TOOTS SOBERANO

ENTANGLED

A lineman appears to be entangled in electric wires as he performs his dangerous job in Baguio City.

DAR exec seeks wider land deal probe

BAGUIO CITY—The agrarian reform adjudicator, who ordered the arrest of Land Bank of the Philippines president Margarito Teves last May, has asked Malacañang to review land portfolios released by the Department of Agrarian Reform in the last 28 years to, he said, "open the eyes of the public to possible graft and corruption."

Lawyer Napoleon Baguilat, regional agrarian reform adjudicator for the Cordillera and two branches in Central Luzon, said the government must determine whether the LBP had followed the rules when it uniformly compensated landowners, whose properties were confiscated or expropriated for distribution to farmers.

Baguilat said an audit was important because of the DAR reorganization plan that grants provincial agrarian reform officers the same quasi-judicial powers the DARAB now wields.

"Instead of just one (institution), there would be two quasi-judicial entities within the same agency. In truth, DAR should not have any control over these adjudications especially when it handles cases that will be ruled against the DAR," he said.

Baguilat alerted the House committees on banking and agrarian reform about this plan last week when he explained to lawmakers why Teves was arrested on May 17.

Agrarian Reform Secretary Hernani Braganza recommended Baguilat's suspension after he had withdrawn Teves' arrest order.

"I want the investigation to cover all bases because . . . who knows? They may (have spent) more of the agrarian reform funds to buy lands when it could have been used for other programs. That would qualify as real graft and corruption," Baguilat said. ***Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

Ifugao woodcarvers hit terrorism, new rules for decline in income

By Ben Moses Ebreo
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

LAGAWE, Ifugao—Nuk Hogante, 45, and other Ifugao woodcarvers from Hungduan town carried a piece of their products during the opening parade of the 36th founding anniversary of Ifugao here on June 18.

The woodcarvers did this hoping to draw attention to the importance of woodcarving not only as a source of income but also as a symbol of Ifugao culture and heritage.

But with the decreasing tourist arrivals in the province,

Hogante cannot help but condemn the terrorist attacks in the United States last year and the kidnap-for-ransom operations of the Abu Sayyaf among Filipinos as reasons for their woes.

"*Adu met idi ti malako mi ngem nakapuy tatta gapu diay panangbomba da diay* US (We were selling many of our products before but now we earn little because of the US bombing)," he said.

Terrorism

He said the operations of the Abu Sayyaf have affected arrivals of local and foreign tourists who usually patronize the woodcarving industry in their town.

Hungduan, 17 km from Banaue, is proud of its woodcarving industry where 60 percent of residents are involved in production. Woodcarvers get their raw materials at the foot of the town's Mt. Napulawan.

Woodcarving has been practiced in the town even before World War II as part of the Ifugao culture. It serves as one of the tourist attractions in Hungduan and nearby towns of Banaue, Hingyon and Kiangan, including Barangay Asin in Baguio City where many Ifugaos have relocated.

Dilemma

Hogante said several woodcarvers are now discouraged to sustain the industry due to the implementation of environment laws, particularly in securing permits to cut and transport raw materials in the wake of the log ban. Others, he said, have shifted to farming and gardening.

"This has become our problem—whether to continue with our industry or stop at all because of environmental laws, We hope that the government should solve this problem," he told the INQUIRER.

Hogante said raw materials, particularly wood species like *gmelina, acacia, bagaybayon* and *kalantas* that are usually used by woodcarvers, are now few.

Gov. Teodoro Baguilat Jr. recognized the need to address the problems of the woodcarvers.

He said there is a conflict on the way the government is promoting the trade as a cultural practice and as a tourist attraction with the implementation of environmental laws.

Baguilat said most raw materials used by woodcarvers are now coming from outside of Ifugao because of the strict implementation of the log ban.

"I would not want to promote it if they are not yet organized. There are social responsibilities that we need to understand and accept. (Woodcarving) is not yet regulated at *mahirap ipalaganap* because it destroys the watershed," he said.

Deforestation

He said woodcarving, clearing of forestlands for roads and *kaingin* (slash and burn farming) have been identified as the reasons that contributed to the decreasing forest cover of the province.

Baguilat said one of the solutions to the problems of woodcarvers is the full implementation of the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (Ipra) that will pave the way for the issuance of Certificates of Ancestral Land Titles (CALTs) and the resolution of boundary disputes.

"Most of the wood lots in Ifugao are part of ancestral domain. That is why Ipra is one of the mechanisms to solve their problem. In this way, there will be recognition of existing permits to ease them from the burden of transporting or selling their products," he said.

4 NPA rebels killed, Army soldier wounded in clash

CAMP MELCHOR DELA CRUZ, Isabela—Four suspected communist rebels were killed while an Army soldier was wounded in clashes on Thursday and Friday in Ilocos Norte, reports reaching here said.

Brig. Gen. Rodolfo Alvarado, 5th Infantry Division commander, said soldiers belonging to the 50th Infantry Battalion exchanged fire with at least 20 NPA rebels at Barangay Barangobong in Nueva Era, Ilocos Norte.

The rebels, reports said, belonged to the Sonang Guerilla Uno of the NPA's Ilocos-Cordillera regional party committee operating in Ilocos Norte and Ilocos Sur.

Alvarado said their reports did not identify the slain rebels. He identified the wounded soldier as a certain Corporal Tuwag.

Recovered from the camps were an M-16 Armalite rifle, 18 handheld radios, a cellular phone, a generator and anti-government documents.

In Zambales, · soldier was wounded when government troops overran a five-hectare training camp of NPA rebels at Barangay Pangolingan in Palauig town on June 21, belated reports said.

Brig. Gen. Alberto Braganza, 7th ID commander, identified the wounded soldier as Staff Sgt. Rolando Roa.

Braganza said the camp, located 10 km from the national highway of Palauig, was used by rebels belonging to the NPA's Joselito Corpus Command.

Recovered from the camp were an M-16 Armalite rifle, three grenades, a smoke grenade, several computer diskettes, a personal computer, training materials, anti-government documents, and food. ***Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau, and Cesar Villa, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

Japan ties security to aid to ARMM

COTABATO CITY—A ranking Japanese government official said security matters remain the main consideration of his country in extending development assistance for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

Tsukasa Uemura, director of the Southeast Asian Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, told ARMM officials here that the region's erratic peace and order condition remains to be the hindrance in the flow of development assistance. "Security is very vital in extending our cooperation or assistance to any government," Uemura told ARMM Vice Gov Mahid Mutilan and ARMM Executive Secretary Nabil Tan.

Although he did not specify what group scares Japan, Uemura was apparently referring to the extremist Abu Sayyaf and the Pentagon kidnap group.

Both groups are known for their abduction of foreign nationals.

Last year, Pentagon snatched five Chinese nationals working on the Japanese-funded Malitubog-Maridagao Irrigation Project in Carmen, Cotabato.

The Abu Sayyaf is now the subject of a massive manhunt by Philippine troops in areas covered by the expanded ARMM, which included Basilan.

While expressing concern about the unfavorable peace and order condition in the region, Uemura said that the Japanese government was willing to settle for a "reasonable level of security."

"It can (already) make the government go on with cooperation that can effectively and efficiently help the ARMM and Mindanao in general," he said.

Despite Uemura's statement, ARMM officials went on with the presentation of its Regional Executive Agenda for peace and development.

Commenting on it, Uemura said there were good and promising possibilities toward a long-term cooperation between ARMM and Japan.

"In principle, Japan is determined to extend as much help as possible for the development of ARMM," he told Mutilan and Tan.

After the meeting, ARMM officials said they were optimistic that Japan would fund some of the proposed projects in the region.

Tan said Uemura's visit along with a Japanese Mission Team was the offshoot of a meeting between Pres. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi in May. ***Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Gov't relying on IPPs for 'excess power' in case of war in Mideast

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

SAN MANUEL, Pangasinan—Malacañang is reserving its store of "excess electricity" from independent power producers (IPP) if the conflict between Israel and Palestine escalates into a new Middle East war that will hamper world oil distribution, a Palace aide said here on Saturday.

Renato Diaz, presidential assistant for Northern Luzon, said this was the reason President Macapagal-Arroyo will continue to support recent IPP contracts like the controversial San Roque Multipurpose Dam Project (SRMDP) here.

The San Roque Power Corp. (SRPC) is scheduled to commercially operate in December this year, said Patrick MacAllister, SRPC president.

Ms Macapagal had billed San Roque as one of Asia's largest dams and the Philippines' "last big dam."

The operation will go on as scheduled despite the nationwide protests against the purchased power adjustment (PPA) charges, Diaz said.

The protests were traced to IPP-generated electricity the National Power Corp. is obliged to buy regardless of need or price.

Diaz said new conflicts in the Middle East have convinced Ms Macapagal that the "excess power" situation is an advantage.

"(The conflicts centered on Jenin, Palestine) can erupt into a major war, which can affect the supply of oil. You can imagine what happens if you have fighting in the Middle East and there is no oil. Where will the country get its power? (From) hydros, thermal energy *sa* volcano and (the Malampaya gas lines of Palawan), because that's where we can find the only oil we have. So think of that," Diaz said.

"It's very easy to complain you have too much, until you realize you don't have enough. As a government, we have to plan our fallback position (from stages) one, two and three. You're in a situation where you have a dam, what are you going to do with it? Use it or not use it? Use it."

Joan Carling, chair of the Cordillera Peoples Alliance (CPA), raised the PPA bogey here on Saturday when Diaz arranged a dialogue between SRMDP's stakeholders in Pangasinan and in Benguet for the loan department of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC). The JBIC underwrote the construction of the 345-megawatt San Roque power plant.

Carling said operating the San Roque power facility, at a time when the public already condemned the steep PPA charges arising from the government's IPP-related debts, was "insensitive."

Given the 40-percent electricity surplus which the public now pays for, she said operating the San Roque plant will further increase consumer billing costs because the SRPC contract forces Napocor to buy its electricity at $40 million each month.

Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho already announced on Sunday that a Palace committee reviewing all ongoing IPP contracts would report its findings to Ms Macapagal this week.

ABS HERBS
Natural Herbs & Vegetables
PAGKAIN GAMOT NG BAYAN!

HERBAL Tea
ABS BITTER HERBS
Ampalaya Tea
Ampalaya Capsule Charagen
BFAD FR 24465
BFAD FR 24464
BFAD FR 92085
Now in mercury drug nationwide, Supermarkets, Watsons, Accredited Authorized Dealers
ACCEPTING DEALERS NATIONWIDE AND INTERNATIONAL
ABS GEN Herbs International Corporation
G/F Dordosato Bldg., 80 Maalkap Ext. Diliman, Quezon City Tel: No. 926-3252, 925-9318

GUIJO DUENAS

BORACAY EQUIPMENT
A child goes on with his playtime unmindful of a huge tractor that picks up dirt on Boracay's white sand beach.

Army: Davao free of NPA rebs by 2005

DAVAO CITY—A military official here claimed that the city would be free from the clutches of the New People's Army (NPA) by year 2005.

Col. Eduardo del Rosario, commander of the 73rd Infantry Battalion, said the NPA was already losing its mass base in the hinterlands as members of lumad communities are waging war against the rebels.

Del Rosario even claimed that the only NPA force that has been considered a threat is the group of Manuel Roxas alias Commander Pipoy who has about 15 armed members. ***Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

University of the Philippines
INSTITUTE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION
Bocobo Hall, Diliman, Quezon City
Philippines 1101
Tel. Nos. 434-95-31; 920-53-01 to 99, 920-54-01 loc. 5862
Telefax No. 929-71-37

INSTITUTE ON COMMERCIAL LAW (MCLE ACCREDITED)
Malcolm Theater, U.P. College of Law

Wednesday, 14 August 2002
1:15 - 3:00 SEC after the Securities Regulation Code: PROBLEM AREAS IN JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE
Prof. DANILO L. CONCEPCION
U.P. College of Law
3:15 - 5:00 CORPORATE REHABILITATION RULES
Judge SIXTO C. MARELLA, Jr.
Presiding Judge, RTC, Makati

Thursday, 15 August 2002
1:00 - 3:00 ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING
Prof. TRISTAN A. CATINDIG
U.P. College of Law
3:15 - 5:00 GENERAL BANKING ACT
Prof. RAFAEL A. MORALES
Partner, Sycip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan

Friday, 16 August 2002
1:00 - 3:00 TRANSNATIONAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS: FOREIGN INVESTMENTS
Atty. ROCKY L. REYES
Partner, Sycip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan
3.15 - 5:00 ISSUES ON MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS UNDER THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE
Atty. FRANCIS H. JARDELEZA
Senior Vice President, San Miguel Corporation

Saturday, 17 August 2002
8:00 - 12:00 OVERVIEW OF PENDING BILLS IN COMMERCIAL LAW
Atty. TEODORO D. REGALA, SR.
Partner, ACCRA Law Offices

REGISTRATION FEE: P1,200.00
For details Please call 9297137 and 4349531

Phivolcs reiterates trekking ban on Kanlaon as volcano emits steam

BACOLOD CITY—Trekking at the Kanlaon Volcano has remained suspended after the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) noted whiffs of white steam coming out of the volcano's crater.

In a statement, the Phivolcs said the white steam was observed rising up to 200 meters above the volcano's crater.

But Phivolcs said the volcano remained "seismically" quiet as no corresponding earthquake activity was noted along with the steam.

Still, Phivolcs said trekking at the volcano should remain suspended because there was still the possibility of sudden ash emissions from the volcano.

As an additional precaution, entry into the pre-defined four-kilometer radius Permanent Danger Zone (PDZ) should be avoided at all times, Phivolcs said.

A Quick Response Team from Phivolcs in Quezon City was sent to Negros Occidental Friday to additional field observations on the volcano.

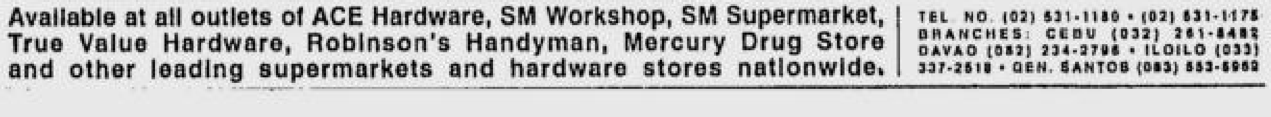
Mt. Kanlaon is the highest peak in Central Visayas at 2,465 meters in height. A favorite hiking destination, the active volcano dominates the 25,0000-hectare Mt. Kanlaon National Park, dubbed as one of the few surviving national parks in the country.

Trekking near the crater of the volcano has been banned in February when the Phivolcs declared alert level 1 after it noted some sustained seismic activities at Mt. Kanlaon that might lead to an explosion.

The alert level was lifted in April after the seismic activities had stopped. But the Phivolcs had never recalled the ban on trekking. The agency reiterated the ban after white steam was seen coming out of the crater on Thursday. ***Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau***

ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE PUBLIC
We formally announce to you the transfer of
ATT AQUA TREATMENT GROUP OF COMPANIES
from its former Head Office at
A. Bonifacio Ave., Quezon City to its
NEW CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS
at
5TH FLOOR KING CENTER BLDG.
#57 SGT. RIVERA ST., BARANGAY MANRESA
QUEZON CITY
To Better serve our clientele, we have included
the following DIRECT LINES / HOT LINES
ATT Trunk Line
365-6149
(Connecting All Departments / Companies)
ATT Inquiry / Complaint Line / Fax
366-9789
ATT Customer Service Information
Direct 365-5546
Local loc.228
email:
att_misdept@yahoo.com
Also please be informed that our
ATT PRODUCTS DEPARTMENT
is now housed at our former Head Office with
postal address at
396 A. Bonifacio Ave., Quezon City
Direct Lines 363-0710 / 366-9799
364-3435 / 366-4625
Fax 366-0714
ATT GROUP OF COMPANIES
"Leading the way...
...Reaching NEW HEIGHTS!"

Ito ang Una.
Ito ang Ginagaya.

INSTANT REPAIR KAHIT BASA!
The ONLY Sealant that Works even on Wet Surfaces
WaterStop®
SUPER SEALANT
ROOF
MARINE
JEEP
BATHROOM
PIPES
DRUM
• Works Even UnderWater
• Dries Fast 3 Hours Even On Wet Surfaces
• Crack-Proof Water-Tight Seals That Last Up To 5 Years.
₱19.95
SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE
CORD
waterstop
Super bisa kahit sa tuyo o basa.


Available at all outlets of ACE Hardware, SM Workshop, SM Supermarket, True Value Hardware, Robinson's Handyman, Mercury Drug Store and other leading supermarkets and hardware stores nationwide.
TEL. NO. (02) 631-1180 • (02) 631-1175
BRANCHES: CEBU (032) 261-8482
DAVAO (082) 234-2796 • ILOILO (033) 337-2518 • GEN. SANTOS (083) 553-6969

14 HURT

4 dead as jeep slams into train

SAN PABLO CITY—At least four persons were killed and 14 others were injured Saturday afternoon when the passenger jeep they were riding in tried to beat but was hit by an approaching cargo train in a Philippine National Railway crossing in Barangay Bagong Pook, this city.

SPO4 Jimmy Belen, desk officer on duty at the San Pablo police station, identified the victims as Ronald Bagsik, resident of Barangay San Rafael, this city; Jonathan Santiago, resident of Barangay San Ildeponso, Alaminos, Laguna; Josephina Tano, resident of Barangay San Agustin, Alaminos, Laguna; and Claire Montereola, resident of Sta Clara, Sto. Tomas, Batangas. Belen said two of the casualties died on the spot, while two were declared dead on arrival at a nearby hospital. At least 14 passengers suffered several injuries in different parts of the body and were being treated at a hospital here.

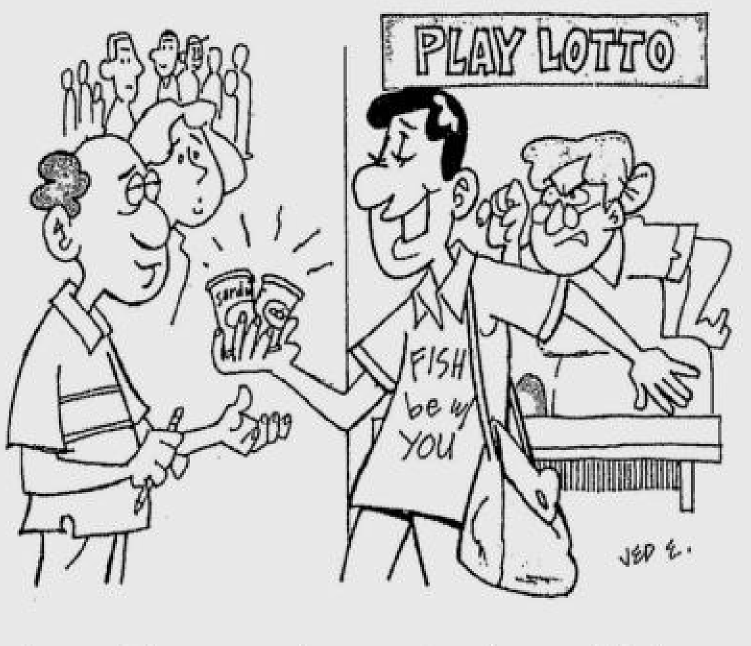
The Isuzu jeep was fully loaded with passengers bound for the nearby towns of Alaminos, Laguna, and Sto. Tomas and Tanauan, Batangas. Belen said the ill-fated vehicle with plate number DBA-741 was being driven by one Allan Cacheco, resident of Barangay San Ildeponso, Alaminos, Laguna.

He said Cacheco still tried to cross the railway crossing along the busy Colago Ave. at around 4:40 p.m., despite the blaring horn by the approaching PNR Miscellaneous Manila-San Pablo train being operated by a certain Basilio. The cruising train, with three cargo units in tow, hit the right side of the passing passenger jeep, dragging the vehicle some 10 meters more upon impact. Belen said Cacheco, who was also the registered owner of the vehicle, escaped after the crash.

When the police conducted a follow-up operation in the given address of Cacheco, his mother said her son was still out and had never been seen after the accident. ***Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

Gambling foes lure bettors with sardines

By Jovelyn Reyes
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau



BAGUIO CITY—-Groups opposing gambling operations in the city are giving gambling aficionados a choice: A P10-lotto bet ticket or two cans of sardines.

A leader of a born-again Christian group in the city said they are planning to offer grocery items and food as "moral equivalent" to discourage Baguio residents from patronizing government-controlled lotto operations.

About 200 members of religious and civic groups and students, marched down Session Road here on Wednesday and gathered in front of the City Hall to ask government officials to close at least three lotto outlets in the city.

"But it is not enough that we rally. If you oppose something, you should give people an option that's why we came up with this idea. It ought to give them a better choice," Pastor Oscar Magallanes of the Church of the Mountain said, referring to the group's offer of cheaper food items in exchange for their bet money.

Magallanes said leaders of various religious groups have agreed to use church funds to buy grocery items that would in turn be sold at lower prices to lotto bettors.

"Lay leaders would position themselves near lotto outlets and give each bettor a choice to either bet his or her money on lotto or get two cans of sardines for his or her family. We hope that it would help people realize that gambling is really evil," he said.

But the items, he clarified, will be sold only to people who are betting at lotto outlets.

Magallanes said they are "ready to sacrifice church funds if that is the only way to restore and uplift moral values of the Baguio people."

"We don't care if the church loses money as long as it benefits many people," said Pastor Rey Cordovis of the Good News Community Church.

Each lotto ticket costs P10 while a can of sardines costs at least P8.

The anti-gambling groups are also calling for the closure of state-owned bingo halls, sweepstakes outlets and the immediate stop to jueteng operations in the city.

Cordovis said they believed that most Baguio residents were against lotto operations and city officials should realize it.

During their regular session, councilors here passed four resolutions related to the gambling issue. These resolutions called for the closure of lotto outlets and asked Congress to amend the charter of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office by giving local governments the authority to approve the entry of government-sanctioned gambling operations.

The resolutions also reiterated the position of the city government against all forms of gambling and expressed the sentiments of Baguio residents against gambling.

Cordovis said their groups gathered signatures that would accompany the resolutions when these are sent to the Office of the President.

"(This is) to let President Macapagal-Arroyo know that the people of Baguio are serious in their fight against all forms of gambling," he said.

Republic of the Philippines
CITY COUNCIL
Quezon City
15th City Council

36th Regular Session
ORDINANCE NO. SP 1148, S-2002

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING REAL PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE TO OWNERS OF UNDECLARED MACHINERIES FALLING UNDER THE CATEGORY OF REAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO SECTION 199(0) OF RA.NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN "AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991."

Introduced by Councilors VICTOR V. FERRER, JR., WILMA AMORANTO-SARINO, VINCENT P. CRISOLOGO, ELIZABETH A. DELARMENTE, BERNADETTE HERRERA-DY, AIKO MELENDEZ YLLANA, ALLAN BUTCH T. FRANCISCO, JORGE L. BANAL, JULIAN M.L.COSETENG, FRANZ S. PUMAREN, WENCEROM BENEDICT C. LAGUMBAY, DIORELLA MARIA SOTTO-DELEON, JESUS "Bong" C. SUNTAY, ALMA F. MONTILLA, JANET M. MALAYA, RESTITUTO B. MALANGEN and ALMARIO E. FRANCISCO.

WHEREAS, sections 202 and 203 of RA NO. 7160, as implemented under Article 294 (c) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Local government Code of 1991, require owners of machineries falling under the definition in Section 199(0) thereof, to declare such real properties within sixty (60) days from the date of installation;

WHEREAS, the City government has become aware that, despite notable increase in business and industrial establishments within the jurisdiction of the city, a relative increase in the declaration of machineries for real property tax purposes has not been realized;

WHEREAS, the general perception that the economic condition being experienced by the constituents of the city could be among the causes deterring the proper implementation of the above-cited provisions of the Code;

WHEREAS, there is need to adopt a measure for the city to properly implement the mandates of the Code on this subject matter, and at the same time cushion its impact on the concerned owners of such machineries, the adoption of a measure to give incentives to this group of the city's constituents who are considered among the prime movers of our development is also necessary.

NOW, THERE FORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED.

SECTION 1. Owners of machineries falling under the category of real property pursuant to Section 199(0) of R.A. NO. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, which, until now, remain undeclared for real property tax purposes despite the requirement to have the same declared as mandated under Sections 202 and 203 of the said Code, and Article 294 (c) of its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), are hereby granted tax relief on their subject real properties.

Accordingly, the provisions of the Code on the collection of back taxes for real properties declared for the first time, but should have been assessed for taxes for the period during which it would have been liable for such tax, is hereby waived; Provided, That the declaration shall be made within ninety (90) days after the approval of this ordinance, after which date, the City Assessor shall conduct a massive re-inventory and re-evaluation of all real properties and existing real property assessments within the jurisdiction of the city.

The provisions of the above-cited Sections 199(0), 202 and 203 of the Code and Article 294 of the IRR are hereby reproduced and made an integral part hereof as Annex "A".

SECTION 2. The tax relief herein granted shall also cover the current real property tax liabilities of owners or its administrators on their subject undeclared machineries, hence, all assessments resulting from these declarations shall accrue on the following year, 2003; and collection of real property taxes due thereon shall be made on the basis of the provisions of the Code.

SECTION 3. In case where the real property tax liabilities of the concerned owners, as a result of the herein required declaration and the corresponding assessment thereof, will exceed One Million Pesos (P 1,000,000.00), or if the same will become too burdensome for the taxpayers as may be determined jointly by the City Treasurer and the City Assessor, such tax liability may be paid thru the execution of a Compromise Agreement with the said local officials and installment payment thereon may be made in line with Assessment Regulations No. 2-83 dated January 19,1983 of the Department of Finance.

SECTION 4. In order to avail of the tax relief incentive herein granted, the concerned owners or administrators of the subject machineries are hereby required to file within the above-mentioned period with the Office of the City Assessor, a sworn statement/declaration using the form prescribed for the purpose. A declaration made beyond the herein-prescribed period shall become subject to the regular procedures under existing laws, rules and regulations on the matter, and, therefore, the herein incentive of non-application of the back taxes could no longer be availed of.

SECTION 5. Upon approval of this Ordinance, the City Assessor and the City Treasurer shall jointly conduct a citywide information campaign to disseminate to concerned real property owners the real estate tax relief granted hereon by the City government and encourage availment thereof.

SECTION 6. If any clause, sentence, section or part of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. All ordinances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with provisions of this ordinance, are hereby modified, amended or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED: June 11, 2002.

(Sgd.) HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

(Sgd.) EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary

Approved: June 22, 2002

(Sgd.) FELICIANO R.BELMONT,JR.
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance which was APPROVED on Second Reading on June 11, 2002 was finally PASSED by the City Council under suspended rules on the same date.

(Sgd.) EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary

Republic of the Philippines
CITY COUNCIL
Quezon City
15th City Council

36th Regular Session
ORDINANCE NO. SP 1149, S 2002

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TAX RELIEF TO RETAILERS AND FRANCHISE HOLDERS DOING BUSINESS IN QUEZON CITY IN THE FORM OF ANNUAL DISCOUNTS FROM THE NEW TAX RATES PRESCRIBED UNDER ORDINANCE NO. SP- 1080, S- 2001, PURSUANT TO SECTION 192 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991.

Introduced by Councilors BERNADETTE HERRERA-DY, VICTOR V. FERRER, JR., VINCENT P. CRISOLOGO, ELIZABETH A. DELARMENTE, JULIAN M.L. COSETENG, WENCEROM BENEDICT C. LAGUMBAY, JESUS MANUEL "Bong" C. SUNTAY, ANTONIO E. INTON, JR. JANET M. MALAYA, RESTITUTO B. MALAGEN and MARVIN C. RILLO.

WHEREAS, the passage of Ordinance No. SP-1080, S-2001, saw a "dramatic" albeit legal increase in business tax rates in Quezon City.

WHEREAS, in reaction thereto, some large taxpayer-retailers proposed that an " annual discount be granted on the taxes payable under the new rates;"

WHEREAS, the retailers and franchise holders, by reason of their huge annual gross sales/receipts and upon application of the progressive system of taxation, have felt the most impact of the increase.;

WHEREAS, Section 192 of the Local Government Code of 1991 authorizes local government units, thru duly approved ordinances, to grant tax exemptions, incentives or reliefs under such terms and conditions as they may deem necessary;

WHEREAS, in a letter dated April 11, 2002, several affected taxpayers, retails and holders of franchises, requested the Office of the City Mayor, the Vice Mayor and the Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod for relief in the form of tax discount, from the immediate operation of Ordinance No. SP 1080, S-2001, and indicated therein their willingness to accede to Ordinance No. SP-1080, S-2001, but cited prevailing circumstances in support of their request for relief;

WHEREAS, in a letter dated May 7, 2002, the Office of the City Treasurer recommended the grant of tax discount as requested by the affected taxpayers, but with modifications as regards the rate;

WHEREAS, in a letter dated May 21, 2002, to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, Councilor Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., the Office of the City Mayor addresses the Sangguniang Panlungsod and made similar recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Certain taxpayers, particularly retailers and franchise holders, are hereby granted annual discounts in the taxes payable by them under the new rates prescribed in Ordinance No.SP 1080, S-2001.

SECTION 2. Retailers and franchise holders shall be entitled a tax discount at the following rates:

a.) For the third (3rd) and fourth (4th) quarters of 2002, sixty percent (60%) of the difference between the new rates imposed pursuant to Ordinance No. SP-1080. S2001, and the rates imposed pursuant to Ordinance No. SP-91, S-93;

b.) For the taxable year 2003, forty percent (40%) of the difference between the new rates imposed pursuant to Ordinance No. SP-1080, S-2001, and the rates imposed pursuant to Ordinance No. SP-91, S-93;

c.) For the taxable year 2004, twenty percent (20%) of the difference between the new rates imposed pursuant to Ordinance No. SP-1080, S-2001, and the rates imposed pursuant to Ordinance No. SP-91, S-93;

d.) The tax discounts above-stated shall be granted whether the taxpayers named herein shall pay the city taxes in full or in quarterly basis within the time of payment provided under Section 20 of Ordinance No. SP-91, S-93; Provided, that for the succeeding years, no discount shall be granted but FULL PAYMENT must be made under the new rates.

SECTION 3. Should any part of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional for whatever reason by a competent Court the portions hereof not otherwise affected by the declaration shall remain effective and enforceable.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

ENACTED: June 11, 2002

(Sgd.) HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

(Sgd.) EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary

APPROVED: June 20, 2002

(Sgd.) FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR.
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance which was APPROVED on Second Reading on June 11, 2002, was finally PASSED by the City Council under suspended rules on the same date.

(Sgd.) EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary

Fishermen hit dwindling catch in Lingayen Gulf

SAN FABIAN, Pangasinan—Fishermen who barely survive here have blamed the use of trawl, Danish seine (*boli-boli*) and home made explosives and the lenient implementation of fishery laws for the dwindling fish catch in the Lingayen Gulf.

During a dialogue here on Wednesday, fishermen from 12 coastal villages launched an intensified campaign against illegal fishing which was reported to be rampant in this coastal town.

The dialogue was sponsored by the Tambuyog Development Center, a non-government organization working for the protection and rehabilitation of marine resources especially in the Lingayen Gulf.

But while they admitted that dynamite fishing continued in the town, none of the fishermen admitted using explosives themselves.

Explosives

Tambuyog project leader Manny Gagalac said that in Barangays Nibaliw Narvarte, Alacan and Tiblong here, the use of homemade explosives was widespread because fishermen could hardly catch fish when they use traditional fishing gear.

The explosives, a concoction of potassium and gasoline, which are put in bottles with blasting caps, are readily available in the town, he said.

Gagalac said local fishermen have blamed commercial fishing boats, which encroach into the municipal waters and which use destructive fishing gear, for the low catch in the coastal waters.

Mayor Mohamito Libunao also said the use of trawl and Danish seine, which destroys the fish's habitat, is more destructive than dynamite fishing which kills only the fish.

The municipal waters cover five kilometers of sea space from the shoreline and are supposed to be for the exclusive use of the municipal fishermen.

Commercial boats

Gagalac said some fishing boats are below three tons and not considered of commercial sizes, but they use destructive gear such as trawl and Danish seine which scrape the sea's bottom, destroy corals and seaweeds. "There are no more live coral covers in the town," he said.

Commercial fishing boats also use fine-mesh nets that catch even the small fish. Gagalac said fishermen had told him that they would stop dynamite fishing only if the commercial fishing boats were banned from the municipal waters. He said 15-20 percent of the fishermen use blasters.

The fishermen also blamed the lack of implementation of fishery laws such as preventing commercial fishing boats from entering the municipal waters, for the loss of fishery resources.

Danilo Rocosin, a fisherman of Barangay Robon, said municipal fishermen should be given the right to prevent trawl fishers from entering the municipal waters and to arrest those who use blasters.

Destructive

"Because of these destructive means of fishing, we are losing our only source of livelihood," he said.

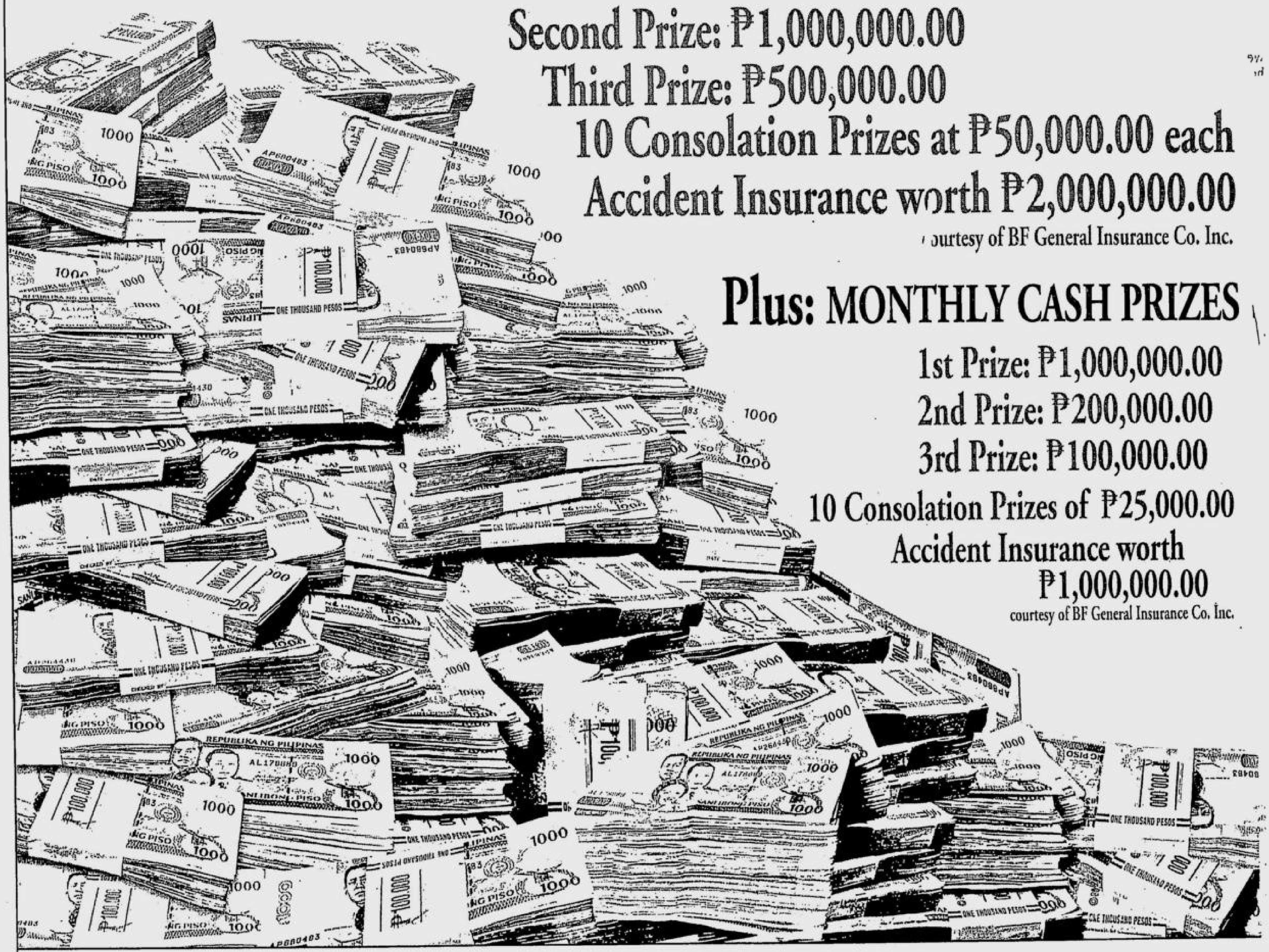
Arsenio Alok of the Bolasi Fisheries Association said the fisheries and aquatic resources management councils, whose members are fishermen, must be deputized by the Coast Guard to arrest illegal fishermen.

But the fishermen can arrest their fellow fishermen through citizen's arrest, said Senior Insp. Jeric Rosales, police chief here. ***Yolanda Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

Sa ika-38 taon ng Banco Filipino–

Milyon-milyong Pasasalamat!

GRAND PRIZE: ₱2,000,000.00 Tax Free!!!



Second Prize: ₱1,000,000.00
Third Prize: ₱500,000.00
10 Consolation Prizes at ₱50,000.00 each
Accident Insurance worth ₱2,000,000.00
Courtesy of BF General Insurance Co. Inc.

Plus: MONTHLY CASH PRIZES

1st Prize: ₱1,000,000.00
2nd Prize: ₱200,000.00
3rd Prize: ₱100,000.00
10 Consolation Prizes of ₱25,000.00
Accident Insurance worth ₱1,000,000.00
courtesy of BF General Insurance Co. Inc.

GRAND DRAW: Jan 10, 2003 **Monthly Draw Dates:** Aug 7, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 8 & Dec 14

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN WIN: 1. Any Banco Filipino depositor with an active account is qualified to join the raffle promo. 2. Every month-end , a computer-generated raffle number shall be issued to each qualified depositor based on his Average Daily Available Balance. 3. Raffle numbers issued during the month shall qualify for that month's draw and for the Grand Draw, provided the balance of the account as of draw date is at least P100,000 for Regular Special Savings Accounts, P200,000 for 5 Year Special Savings Accounts and P10,000 for the other accounts. 4. A winner in the monthly draws can still win in the grand draw. 5. Winners agree to have their names, addresses and photographs published in promo advertisements and other related advertising materials.

BANCO FILIPINO
Savings and Mortgage Bank
SUBOK NA MATIBAY. SUBOK NA MATATAG.®
HEAD OFFICE 101 Paseo de Roxas cor. de la Rosa St., Makati City • TEL. NO. 818-5151
Member: Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation. Deposits Insured up to P100,000.00
Member: Chamber of Thrift Banks.

A PROUD MEMBER OF
BancNet

See posters for more details. Promo period: July 1 to December 31, 2002

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 1217 Series of 2002

CELLOPHIL IN ABRA

Finance chief reviving Marcos-era plant

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho is arranging "deals" with the Abra provincial government to revive a Marcos-era paper mill that had prompted slain rebel priest Conrado Balweg to take up arms in the 1980s, Benguet Gov. Raul Molintas said here last week.

The transactions were not disclosed during President Macapagal-Arroyo's working visit here on June 18, although Camacho had confirmed the deals in a chance encounter with local officials, Molintas told the INQUIRER.

Trade officials here and in Abra were uncertain if the new transaction involved the revival of a proposed Abra Agro-Industrial Center Special Economic Zone (AAICSEZ) for the sequestered Cellophil Resources Corp. (CRC), which was inaugurated in 1998 by former Agrarian Reform Secretary Horacio Morales.

But if the Macapagal administration is attracted to Cellophil's potentials, Malacañang may need to address a reported toxic waste scandal in 2001 that supposedly came from the abandoned 34.293-hectare property, health officials here said.

It will also need to resolve talks that the Abra plant assets have already been turned over to businessmen identified with the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos, and who were close to deposed President Joseph Estrada.

A government official said the Abra government might have arranged new joint venture deals with some of the CRC's former shareholders.

According to a business profile given to the INQUIRER last week, the CRC and several of its subsidiary holding firms listed a Chinese-Filipino businessman and a mining entrepreneur among its minor stakeholders.

The INQUIRER source said a lobby group composed of these former CRC stakeholders might have started talks with Camacho.

Balweg had joined the communist New People's Army to oppose the Marcos-backed Cellophil for polluting the Abra River, and for logging the thick Tayum town forests, at the expense of the Tingguians there.

CRC later became a major reason for the creation of Balweg's militia, the Cordillera People's Liberation Army.

Morales inaugurated the AAICSEZ to complement the release of Certificates of Land Ownership Awards (Cloas) to many Tayum residents, including breakaway CPLA members.

The abandoned AAICSEZ would have been developed into a "fully-developed, pollution-free, world-class agro-industrial estate where prospective locators shall preferably be manufacturers or processors of tropical fruits, bamboo, plyboard production, garments and other types of viable agro-industrial activities," according to a Department of Trade and Industry brief.

Maritess Damian, DTI Abra director, told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview that Abra Gov. Vicente Valera had always been vocal about his bid to secure the abandoned plant, following its conversion into a special economic zone.

But Valera's offer to take over the paper mill was stymied by the government's inability to settle the sequestration status of the property, despite his formal tender of P95.26 million on Nov. 5, 2001 based on the appraisal of the Privatization Management Office (PMO), Damian said.

The PMO assumed the CRC property from the Asset Privatization Trust.

The government had been unable to process the turnover of the CRC plant from the APT to the Philippine Economic Zone Authority, even after the Peza declared the CRC as an agro-industrial center on Oct. 17, 1997, Damian said.

Estrada also proclaimed the CRC property as a special economic zone on June 28, 1998.

But it remained dormant because of the unresolved sequestration issues.

Neda official bares pressure to push through with coal plant

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—The National Economic and Development Authority here yesterday said that the State Power Development Corporation (SPDC) was exerting pressure to get a favorable endorsement for its proposed coal-fired power plant in Misamis Oriental.

Casimira Balandra, NEDA regional chief, told the INQUIRER that proof of this pressure was SPDC's insistence that the coal-fired plant, which would rise inside the Phividec Industrial Estate in Jasaan town, be included in the agenda of the Regional Development Council (RDC) when it meets on July 2.

"What is in this project? Why are they rushing us when this project became very controversial?" Balandra said of SPDC's insistence.

Earlier, a NEDA Technical Review group ruled that the $300 million project, which SPDC would develop with German firm STEAG-AG, was not economically viable.

The group also said that the government might have to spend more money to make the project as safe as possible when it finally runs.

But SPDC, a subsidiary of State Investment and Trust Inc. (SITI), reasoned out that their foreign partners would have not invested at all if the project has no bright prospects.

SPDC also said they were determined to pursue the coal-fired power plant and that they were trying to comply with the requirements.

The RDC, chaired by Misamis Occidental Gov. Leo Ocampos, has earlier refused to include the project in its agenda when it meets on July 2, because SPDC could not present the needed requirement.

RDC wanted to tackle the 210-megawatt proposed power plant after SPDC presented an environmental compliance certificate.

Balandra confirmed that because of the firm's insistence, the RDC executive committee has agreed to include the project for discussion during its meeting.

Ma. Theresa Alegrio, SPDC Community Development Officer, told the INQUIRER that they have to beg for the RDC's conditional endorsement because of the importance of the project.

"We don't want to delay (the project) since the foreign lending banks are waiting for the submission of the requirements by July. They are going to review it yet and we are expecting more stringent requirements once they are done with the review," she said.

The Task Force Macajalar (TFM), an environmental group here, said SPDC's insistence was a clear indication the company wanted to push the project at all cost, including sacrificing the health of residents. ***Grace Cantal-Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Rights groups demand law banning torture

DAVAO CITY—Human rights groups said they would press Congress to revive a bill that seeks to outlaw the torture of prisoners.

Max de Mesa, deputy executive director for Mindanao of the Task Force Detainees of the Philippines (TFDP), said the bill, filed by Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo, has not been acted upon.

"We will urge the president to help us in pressing Congress to revive the bill and also to include this in her agenda in the State of the Nation address," he said.

Lawyer Gillrose Jaugan Lo of the Commission on Human Rights in Southern Mindanao admitted that although the Constitution guaranteed civil and political rights, a law penalizing torture would have to be passed first before the practice is totally stopped.

"Before the act is punished there must be specific law," Lo said.

De Mesa said that while a law on torture is being adopted, the government could prevent it from happening if it would act on the recommendations of the United Nations.

Among the UN recommendations include the abolition of all secret places of detention, a stop to the use of blindfolds and hoods during interrogation, transparency in the entire process of arrest to detention, and quick investigation by authorities of cases of complaints of torture.

Karapatan said that the country was a signatory to the UN-led International Covenant Against Torture but it has not stopped the government from committing abuses against suspected criminals.

Bishop Felixberto Calang, chairperson of Karapatan in Southern Mindanao, said in Southern Mindanao alone, there were at least 29 cases of torture under the Macapagal administration.

"The case of the Moro detainees in Mati, Davao Oriental is proof that the military has continued to resort to torture as a means of obtaining information or confession from the victims," he said.

Calang said on June 5, a Davao Oriental judge dismissed the charges against the 29 detainees after it was established that they were forced to admit that they were members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

Calang said there are many victims of torture who refuse to come out because of fear.

"The seeming dearth in records of torture is only indicative of the magnanimity of the repression taking place in our midst," he said. ***Joel B. Escovilla and Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Canon
PRIMA BF-800
BF ko 'di plastic!
That's my Canon *PRIMA BF-800!* Glass ang lens nito, kaya di plastic. Super sharp pa ang images. Ang dami pa ng special features.
Best of all, affordable pa ang price!!!
REGULAR PRICE: P3,995
SPECIAL OFFER P1,995
Comes with free case, Kodak Max 24EXP and 2pcs. Alkaline AA battery
SMART PA! Get a cool "back-2-school" Canon Calculator
For every purchase of Canon BF 800
Valid from June 15 to July 31, 2002
Per DTI NCR Permit No. 2314 Series of 2002
Per DTI NCR Permit No. 1016 Series of 2002
mm wide-angle lens • Big viewfinder • Fully automatic • Large LCD display • Powerful 3-way flash • Red-eye reduction • Self-timer • Built-in lens cover
BE PROTECTED!
ways demand for the CANON WARRANTY CARD by SUPER EAST ASIA ENTERPRISES, INC.
SUPER EAST ASIA ENTERPRISES, INC
CANON CAMERA INTERNATIONAL SERVICE NETWORK (PHILS.)
CANON CAMERA SHOWROOMS
CANON MARKETING (PHILS.) INC
AVAILABLE AT PARTICIPATING CAMERA DEALERS NATIONWIDE

what goes best with your morning coffee?
CEBU DAILY NEWS
your new breakfast buddy.

Subscribe now to
CEBU DAILY NEWS
An Affiliate of the PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
and save up to 40%
For Cebu subscriptions,
Call our Cebu circulation office at (032)3413042 and (032) 3413049 and look for Carmi or Verna or fax slip to (032) 3413041
Name ____
Address ____
Telephone number ____
Fax Number ____
Signature ____

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms becoming widespread rains over Western sections of Visayas and Mindanao including Palawan. The rest of Luzon will be partly cloudy. source: pagasa

Metro Manila	Cloudy with Rains	HI33° Lo 25°
Baguio	Partly Cloudy	HI 24° Lo 16°
Tuguegarao	Partly Cloudy	HI 36° Lo 27°
Laoag	Partly Cloudy	HI 34° Lo 25°
Clark Zone	Partly Cloudy	HI 33° Lo 24°
Tagaytay	Cloudy with Rains	HI 31° Lo 23°
Legazpi	Partly Cloudy with Rains	HI 33° Lo 24°
Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	HI 32° Lo 24°
Iloilo/Bacolod	Cloudy with Rains	HI 31° Lo 24°
Roxas	Cloudy with Rains	HI 31° Lo 25°
Cebu	Cloudy with Rains	HI 31° Lo 25°
Tacloban	Cloudy with Rains	HI 32° Lo 25°
Gen. Santos	Cloudy with Rains	HI 29° Lo 24°
Zamboanga	Cloudy with Rains	HI 29° Lo 24°
Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains	HI 31° Lo 23°
Davao	Cloudy with Rains	HI 31° Lo 25°

Compiled by: Armin Adina, PDI Research/07/01/02

ROUNDUP

Explosive found in bus

DAVAO CITY—An explosive device was found inside the baggage compartment of a Weena Bus here, shortly after its passengers disembarked on Thursday evening. Bus conductor Rogelio Quimpan said he was about to bring out the box from the baggage compartment, when he heard a weak explosion. Sixto Pantollano Jr., driver of the bus that came from Cotabato City, said he already noticed the box, tightly wrapped in masking tape, as he was driving the bus to a motor pool in Maa District. Pantollano said he decided to park near the Shell Station along Quimpo Blvd. here and asked Quimpan to check on the box. Quimpan said the explosion deafened him for a moment but he was not seriously injured. Elements of the police's Special Anti-Terrorist Unit (SATU) inspected the package and decided to defuse it. Later, SATU director Chief Insp. Ildefonso Asentista confirmed it was a 60 mm shell, packed with another explosive material. Asentista said the explosive material was meant to detonate the 60 mm shell, "but luckily, it failed."

Dennis Jay C. Santos, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Poultry feeds hijacked

BOCAUE, Bulacan—Armed men hijacked 850 bags of poultry feeds loaded in a 10-wheel truck and abducted three laborers along the North Luzon Expressway here on Wednesday. Police said the feeds were about to be delivered to a warehouse in Mandaluyong when armed men waylaid the truck. The suspects held hostage the truck driver, Sotero Diaz, and his two helpers, Randy Florendo and Ronilo de Guzman, while another helper, Tomas Granda, escaped.

Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Cops rescue baby

MALINAO, Albay—Police successfully rescued a year-old baby who was taken hostage by her own mother in Barangay Jonop here Tuesday. Senior Insp. Jesus M. Resari, chief of police here, said victim Alexandra escaped the ordeal unhurt after policemen grappled with her mother, Lorna Cierva, 18, who threatened to kill the baby with a knife. Village chair Josefina Florentino told police investigators that she and other officials tried to persuade Cierva to release the baby but to no avail so she called for police assistance. She told police that Cierva was distraught when her husband left her and her baby. The baby is now under the care of her aunt, Emily Cierva.

Roly Casim Embile, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Polls info caravan

LEGAZPI CITY—The Bicol Regional Executives and Directors Association (Rediras) will launch a region-wide information and service campaign to ensure honest, orderly and peaceful Sangguniang Barangay and Sanguniang Kabataan elections in July. The Rediras membership consists of heads of government agencies with regional offices in Bicol, including state colleges and universities. Eduardo de Leon, regional director of the Philippine Information Agency and Rediras press relations officer, said the Hope caravan will encourage the people's active participation in the coming elections through public dialogs with government officials who will urge the people to exercise their right to vote freely.

Roly Casim Embile, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Truck hits 4

SORSOGON CITY—Four persons were injured when a six-wheel truck lost its brakes along the Maharlika Highway in Barangay Buenavista, Irosin on Wednesday, police said. The truck driven by Danilo Quizon of Barangay Bibincahan, Sorsogon City, tried to avoid a tricycle but accidentally bumped four waiting passengers near the right shoulder of the highway. The victims were identified as Joseph Castillo, Mila Castillo, Andy Merelo and a certain Guban. The four, the truck driver and his two helpers, were brought to the Irosin District Hospital for treatment.

Emir E. Gamis, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

US-based Bicolanos meet

LEGAZPI CITY—The Bicol National Association of America Inc. (BNAA) will hold its 22nd National Convention at the Chicago Marriott O'Hare Hotel in Chicago on July 5-7. The meeting will be hosted by three Chicago-based chapter organization—The Bikol, USA Inc., The Society of Bikolano Volunteers Inc., and The Sorsogon Association of the Midwest. Senate President Franklin Drilon will be the guest speaker. The BNAA is the umbrella organization of 30 chapter organizations of Bicolanos throughout the United States. The group has extended assistance to victims of Mayon Volcano eruptions and typhoons hitting the region.

PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Rebel suspect killed

CALATAGAN, Batangas—A suspected New People's Army rebel was killed and another was arrested after a 30-minute firefight with government soldiers at 8 p.m., Thursday, in Barangay Talisay, this town. Batangas police director Senior Supt. Rolando Lorenzo said a combat group responded to reports that 14 unidentified armed men and six women believed to be NPA rebels were patrolling Barangay Talisay. When the army group reached the area, the suspects opened fire at them, prompting them to retaliate. This resulted in the death of a still unidentified rebel and the arrest of a certain Renato Bugtong. Recovered from the crime scene were an M16 rifle, an M16 magazine, 14 live bullets, five bags with communist documents, and a shell of an M-03 grenade launcher

Mel Magsino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

All US troops will leave on July 31, says Wurster

By Fe B. Zamora
INQ7.net

ALL US troops involved in Balikatan 02-1 will leave as soon as the joint war exercise ends on July 31, Brig. Gen. Donald Wurster, commander of the US forces, said in an interview.

Wurster said the 160 men from the Special Forces will be redeployed to Hawaii while the Seabees who are engaged in road construction and other civic projects in Basilan "will be picked up by a ship . . . and they will sail away. They will go home."

"There are many people here who say please stay. The answer to that is no. We don't intend to," he said, noting that a closing ceremony on July 31 is already being planned.

However, technological and humanitarian assistance will continue, Wurster said in an interview with INQ7.net in Zamboanga City during the week.

"We will retain an interested help in the Philippines to treat the remainder of the terrorists. Much of the money that we have requested to finance equipment for the Armed Forces of the Philippines have not been received yet. (When the money comes) then we will need to find appropriate ways for us to execute that through our normal security cooperation relationship," Wurster said.

On hand, he said, "there are some inherent humanitarian assistance money that we have not spent yet. Our people will agree that it would be smart to spend that money to help the people of Basilan."

But instead of deploying US Seabees to work on the projects, Wurster said "I'd rather bring the money and have a contract to hire the people to do the work."

Under the set-up, US engineers will prepare the design for the projects, and submit it for a public bidding among Filipino contractors. "So we say, here's what needs to be done. Here's the material list. Here's the contract and the bid. Here's the price to do that, and we will hire," he said.

He said he expects to see the contracts before the Balikatan ends on July 31.

"I have a million dollars to spend on many projects. That's a lot of money, that's a lot of benefits for Basilan," he also said.

Already, the US troops have constructed helicopter landing zones, improved the airfields and roads in Basilan. But Wurster said these projects were intended mainly for the use of the US troops deployed there to train, assist and advise the local military in the fight against the Abu Sayyaf.

"The money that I have received very recently is money to support exactly what the people need. We could use them for the people," he said.

The US has also offered a reward money amounting to $5 million for top Abu Sayyaf leaders Khadaffy Janjalani, Hapilon Esnilo, Hamsiraj Sali and Abu Suleiman. Abu Sayyaf spokesman Abu Sabaya, who was also on the list, is presumed dead after an encounter with troops in the waters off Sibuco, Zamboanga del Norte on June 21.

Wurster said the US assistance to the Philippine military is intended on "long term perspective" based on a fact that the two countries are "defense treaty partners."

In the interview, Wurster praised the Filipino soldiers for their courage, discipline and patriotism.

He said the Filipino soldiers are good shooters but were armed with armalite rifles that have overused barrels. He said this was remedied with the soldiers getting new armalites from the 30,000 units shipped from the US for the local military.

Coca-Cola Bottlers Philippines, Inc.
and its subsidiaries
have moved to the San Miguel Properties Center
7 St. Francis Avenue, Ortigas Center
1550 Mandaluyong City

Trunk Line	688-5888
Consumer Affairs	631-8674; 6885932-36

PHILIPPINE BEVERAGE PARTNERS, INC.
3/F San Miguel Properties Center,
7 St. Francis Avenue, Ortigas Center,
1550 Mandaluyong City

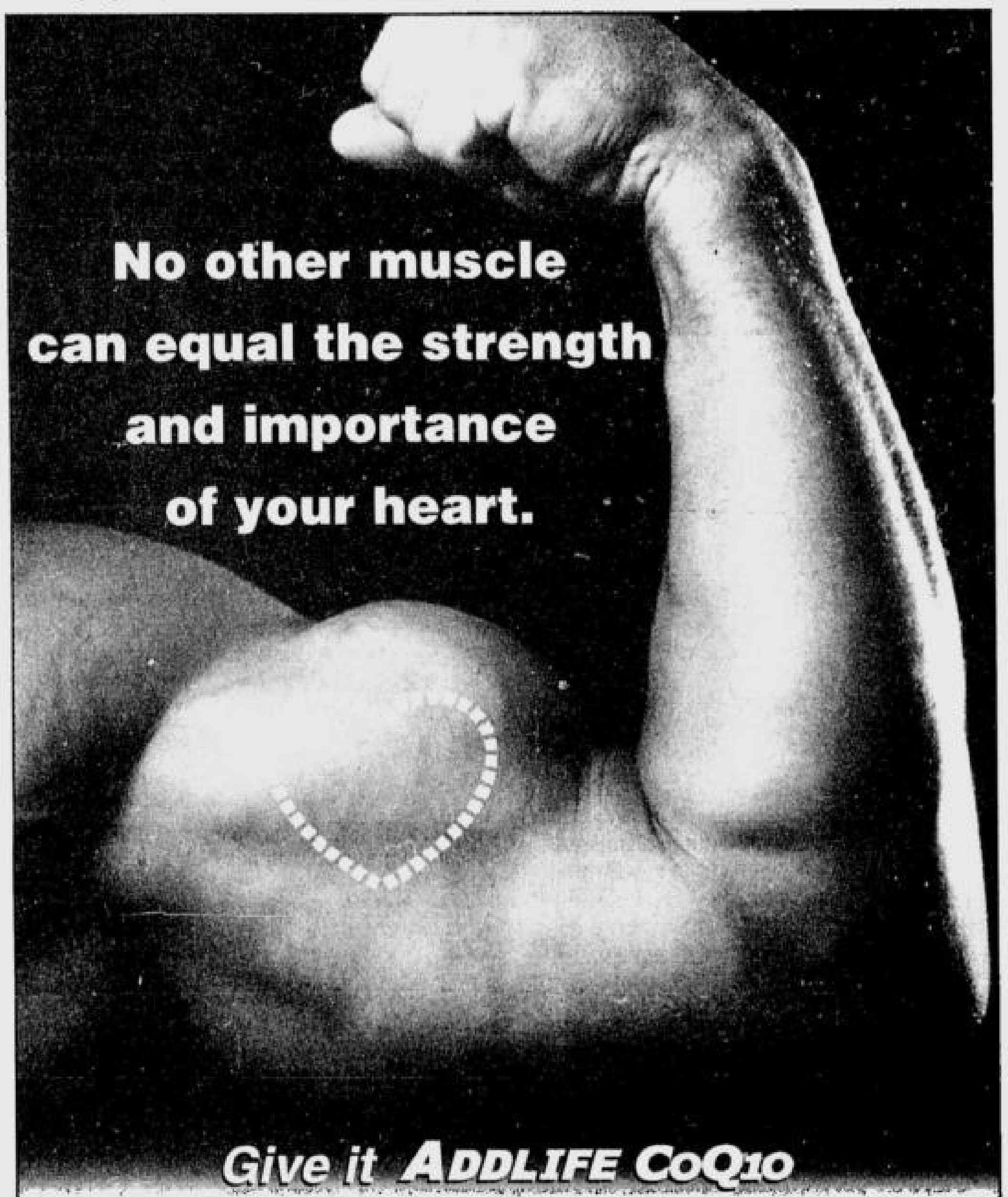
Trunk Line	689-9263
Phil Bev Customer Care	689-9111

COSMOS BOTTLING CORPORATION
23/F San Miguel Properties Center,
7 St. Francis Avenue, Ortigas Center,
1550 Mandaluyong City

Trunk Line	688-5888

COCA-COLA FOUNDATION PHILIPPINES, INC.
23/F San Miguel Properties Center,
7 St. Francis Avenue, Ortigas Center,
1550 Mandaluyong City

Direct Line	688-5864
Fax No.	631-8675


No other muscle can equal the strength and importance of your heart.
Give it ADDLIFE CoQ10

What is CoQ10?

CoQ10 is a natural substance present in every cell of the body. It serves as a co-enzyme for the key enzymatic step in the production of energy within your cell. *CoQ10* is found in relatively higher concentrations in cells that require high-energy requirements like the heart, liver, muscles and pancreas.

Can CoQ10 deficiency be responsible for heart diseases?

As we age, our body's natural supply of *CoQ10* decreases. Scientists discovered the presence of increasing symptoms associated with Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) to be correlated with the severity of *CoQ10* deficiency. Other diseases associated with *CoQ10* deficiency are Atherosclerosis/ Ischemic Heart disease, Toxin-induced Cardiomyopathy, Hypertension Arrythmias, Muscular Dystrophy, Cancer (*breast, lung, prostate, pancreatic and colon*) and even periodontal disease (*inflamed gingiva*).

How does it help make the heart beat stronger and longer?

The heart needs tremendous energy in its muscle cells. *CoQ10* helps provide this energy. In fact, *CoQ10* has the ability to help increase the contractile force of the heart to improve cardiac output. It helps the heart pump blood efficiently and forcefully!

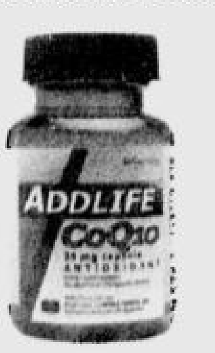
CoQ10 is also an anti-oxidant. Like a guided missile, it looks for free radicals that are harmful to the body. Once found, it readily neutralizes these free radicals rendering them harmless. *CoQ10* prevents atherosclerosis-or the hardening of the artery walls due to fat deposits, by increasing the efficiency of cellular metabolism. It promotes the burning of fat deposits into sources of energy.

What is the best way to get your daily CoQ10 requirement?

ADDLIFE supplies your daily requirement of 30 mg. of *CoQ10*. **ADDLIFE** is 100% PURE *CoQ10* that is safe for daily use with no known allergic reactions! Plus, it is packaged in glass bottles for maximum product stability and freshness.

ADDLIFE to your Life!

ADDLIFE
CoQ10



Contact our **ADDLIFE** Hotline at 920-1911 to 15
E-mail us: addlifeCoQ10@mail.com
Pascual Laboratories, Inc.
817 EDSA, So. Triangle Q.C.
Available in leading drugstores nationwide!

KNOWLEDGE INSTITUTE

Bricks & Clicks e-Business 2002 Conference

The Peninsula Hotel, Manila, 25 July 2002 at 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Is e-business dead? After the fad and the shake-out of dotcoms, corporations which have merged their bricks with their clicks have succeeded in adding value to their core businesses or have created entirely new businesses.

Two years after the passage of the E-Commerce Act, how have government agencies gone online to deliver better frontline services to the people? Find out when you attend the Knowledge Institute's Brick-and-Clicks E-Business 2002 Conference. Conference topics include:

◆Policy & Performance: Does The Philippines Have A Digital Strategy?
ROBERTO R. ROMULO
Senior Presidential Adviser on International Competitiveness
Chairman, Digital Philippines
VIRGILIO PENA
Presidential Adviser on ICT and Executive Director,
IT and Electronic Commerce Council (ITECC)
◆E-Government: How Online Services Can Help Your Business
RENE BANEZ
Commissioner, Bureau of Internal Revenue
ANTONIO BERNARDO
Commissioner, Bureau of Customs
LILIA BAUTISTA
Chairperson, Security & Exchange Commission
◆The Human Resource Challenge: Are We Producing The Right Mix of I.T. Graduates?
CHITO SALAZAR
President, STI Education Services
JESUS ZULUETA
Managing Director, Ward Howell ZMG
◆The Knowledge Edge: The Different Aspects of Knowledge Management
MARK JAVIER
President, AyalaPort Makati Inc.
ROBERTO BLANCO
Business Development Manager, Computer Associates
◆New Businesses: What's Out There?
CAROL CARREON
President & CEO, BayantradeDotCom, Inc.
BENEDICT HERNANDEZ
General Manager, E-Telecare
President, Call Center Association of the Phils.
◆Success Stories: Merging The Bricks With Clicks
ENDIKA ABOITIZ
President & CEO, WG&A
ANDREW FITZGERALD
Vice President-Corporate Bank e-Business, Citibank N.A.
PAUL CUYEGKENG
President & CEO, DOLE Philippines

Gold Sponsors
STI citibank
SGV & Co
FROM THOUGHT TO FINISH.

Silver Sponsors
Computer Associates
GLOBE TELECOM

Reply Form

Fax this form to Knowledge Institute
Fax no. (632)812-6736 / 819-0872 / 818-1377

Fees: P8,000 per participant. Early registration fee is P7,000 for payments received before 19 July 2002. P6,000 per participant for groups of three or more from the same company. Make checks payable to Knowledge Institute.

Name ________________
Position ________________
Company ________________
Telephone ________________
Fax ________________

For Inquiries call Betty Legarza / Lala Tiama at Telephone nos. 891-0307 loc. 7275 or 7260

In cooperation with
MAKATI BUSINESS CLUB
INQUIRER

Gloria will accept Tito's resignation

From page A1

asking, 'Is this the way to treat a senior party official?'" the source, who requested anonymity, said. He was referring to the Vice President's position as Lakas-NUCD president.

The source said Thursday's fiasco only reinforced lingering doubts about the President's fidelity to Lakas. While Ms Macapagal is party co-chair, together with Speaker Jose de Venecia, her personal publicist Dante Ang has also revived her original political party, the Kabalikat ng Malayang Pilipino.

"It appears that the President has put in place a fallback position in Kampi if she doesn't have her way in Lakas," the source said. "The perceived shabby treatment of party president Guingona is a gauge of her regard for the ruling party."

When sought for comment, Presidential Adviser for Political Affairs Jose Ma. Rufino said Lakas remained solidly behind Ms Macapagal but conceded that there were quarters in the party who might be trying to undermine her.

"It's jockeying time now," Rufino said. "There are people who are looking for excuses and alibis in order to have other routes for their political ambitions."

Rufino said all these "noises" had something to do with the 2004 elections in which the President will be running for a full six-year term.

"As they said, many are called but few are chosen. And this also applies to the party," Rufino said.

He said the President's low popularity ratings were "only a temporary thing."

"We have a highly charged atmosphere. Whatever problems the country is facing, like high power rates for example, are being addressed by the President," Rufino said.

Gabriel Claudio, Presidential Legislative Liaison Office chief, said Ms Macapagal was "in full control of the party."

"Even the members of the ruling people power coalition fully supports the President's programs and policies. Misunderstandings are an unavoidable part of governance, but responsible officials resolve them very easily," Claudio said.

Congressional support

Lakas congressmen rallied behind the President.

Davao City Rep. Prospero Nograles blamed the opposition for being behind the move which, he said, was meant to drive a wedge between Ms Macapagal and Guingona.

"I'm calling for sobriety among our party leaders," Nograles said in a statement. "Let's keep our party solid and let's disagree without being disagreeable."

Nograles, Lakas chair for Davao City, said now that Guingona had announced his resignation as DFA secretary, he should do so "without stirring the hornet's nest."

Surigao del Sur Rep. Prospero Pichay said the current situation was just "a communication problem" between the top two officials of the land.

"There should be continuing dialogue between them," Pichay said in a phone interview.

He also shrugged off talks that the rift between the top leaders of Lakas was affecting party members.

In Malacañng, Afable dismissed as "partisan speculation" talk that opposition Sen. Blas Ople will be named the new foreign secretary.

If true, Ople's appointment will resolve the current impasse in the Senate, but Afable said the search for a new DFA secretary "has not started yet."

Final draft

Despite his imminent resignation, Guingona remains determined to oversee the final draft of the RP-US Mutual Logistics Support Agreement, which will soon be submitted to Malacañang.

"(Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes, Justice Secretary Hernando Perez and I) have met once regarding the pact. We would meet one more time before the final draft of the MLSA would be submitted to Malacañang," Guingona said, hinting that he would see the MLSA through.

Guingona admitted that he still did not know how the technical group working on the pact would address the constitutional issues hounding the proposed agreement.

"There's an indication of a bigger presence of US troops for an indefinite period of time. But of course, that is a violation of the Constitution," he said.

"I still don't know how they would go about solving the constitutional issues of the draft agreement," Guingona told the Manila Overseas Press Club late last week.

"The MLSA calls for the putting up of supplies (facilities) for the US in the Philippines, or a shipyard that would address their refueling needs. But as I said, these could be violative of the Constitution," Guingona said. ***With reports from Christine Avendaño and Norman Bordadora***

The baby who didn't exist and other tales of true crime

From page A1

probably died as a result of many factors: she was born premature, there was a lot of bleeding in the brain and in her organs, and her body had found the outside world literally too cold.

"The manner of death is (never) purely medical; you factor in the circumstances," notes forensic pathologist Racquel Fortun. "In this case, you've got a newborn baby abandoned outside. That is homicide."

The perpetrators of the crime may never be known, however. The plastic bag, and the baby's clothing, somehow got lost or misplaced. "You know, that's evidence, but where is it? Where is that piece of cloth?" Fortun asks. "The cloth in which the baby was wrapped and the plastic bag had been thrown away by those who brought the baby to us. (But these) could have provided clues."

Unaccountably, even the man who found the baby in the first place was not identified in the police report, which had been duly signed by the station commander. (The report even got the date wrong.)

"I don't see how or if I can issue a death certificate here," she says. Reminded that the baby does not have a birth certificate either, she replies: "What does it mean for practical purposes? That the baby never existed as far as society is concerned."

The case of "Baby Girl X" is instructive in at least one important sense. It illustrates how, even at the most basic level of a police station, investigators don't know how to handle evidence.

Properly handled, even the slenderest piece of evidence can spell the difference between an unsolved crime and a court conviction.

Hazing victim

The phone rang at an ungodly hour. Dr. Bu Castro picked up the receiver and braced himself. The voice on the other end of the line had bad news: Castro's younger brother Edgar, a second-year law student at the Far Eastern University, had been hurt and brought to the Manila Central University Hospital.

Castro knew the worst had happened.

"I kept my composure and let the caller talk so I could get details with which to pin the suspect down later," recalls Castro, who is a doctor and a lawyer. But the caller seemed in a hurry to go.

When Castro arrived at the hospital, he found his brother alone—and dead.

Edgar Castro had been a victim of hazing, and had died while on the way to the hospital. (His Beta Sigma fraternity held its initiation rites that year in Plaridel, Bulacan.)

Castro, who now heads the Philippine Association of Forensic Medicine, was present during the autopsy. He found that, unlike most hazing victims, his brother's body bore no huge bruises. It was as if no blows had been applied.

But a skeptical Castro saw something else, something which pointed to the cause of death. Castro found an injury on Edgar's scrotum.

Upon further study, he reached his conclusion: His brother's death was caused by neurogenic shock, brought about by extreme pain in his scrotum, a highly sensitive part of the male body that contains the testes. It was highly probable that during the initiation night, events had gotten out of hand and fraternity masters had lost the capacity to inflict measured punishment on the victims.

When he, along with police investigators, inspected the crime scene, he found confirmation: cases of beer, evidence of a drunken spree that turned fatally awry.

"It took two weeks to track down the suspects," Castro recalls now. When the suspects were identified in the media, their own parents brought them forward.

Typical case

For every Edgar Castro case, however, anecdotal evidence suggests that there are possibly hundreds of Baby Girl X incidents: cases distinguished only by the investigators' lack of training, the public's lack of interest, the criminal justice system's lack of results.

Baby Girl X "is a very, very typical case," says Fortun, who is associate professor of the Department of Pathology at the College of Medicine of the University of the Philippines. "It happens all the time."

Fortun, who has won recognition and not a little criticism for her work in such highly publicized cases as the Payatas trash-slide, the Judge Martin Ocampo suicide and the Bubby Dacer killing, has a telling comment on the Nida Blanca case.

"It seems to be 'well-investigated,' compared to what I have seen before," she says. "I don't think it's your typical case."

For weeks after the slaying, the car remained untouched, and the yellow Scene of Crime Operations (Soco) tape still cordoned off the crime scene. "That I find unusual in the Philippine situation," she says.

"Just the same, despite the attention," she says, nothing has happened.

The popular veteran actress was found dead inside her car on the morning of Nov. 7, 2001. A "confessed" killer, Philip Medel, stepped forward to own the sensational crime, only to retract his statements in dramatic fashion.

The multi-agency Task Force Marsha virtually collapsed in the furor that followed. The National Bureau of Investigation has since taken the lead in the investigation, but to date no suspect has been positively identified, and the case remains unsolved.

Bungling history

Any recent history of bungled cases—inadequately controlled crime scenes; mishandled, even destroyed evidence; inept investigation and fact-finding—must begin with the Aquino assassination.

On Aug. 21, 1983, former Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr. was detained by a military escort when he landed at the airport and shot very soon after he stepped off the plane.

Ambassador Bienvenido A. Tan, public coordinator of the Agrava Board, which investigated the assassination, remembers how soldiers hurriedly tossed Aquino's body into the waiting van, spiriting him out of the crime scene on the pretext that he might still have been alive.

Tan also recalls how shortly after the shooting, a profusely sweating police general, Prospero Olivas, presented what he said was the murder weapon to the media—but with his bare hands.

It was like that with the most sensational crime in Philippine history: from beginning to end, the true shape of the facts was obscured from view.

While the Agrava Board concluded that the gunman was a soldier and not Rolando Galman, who was killed immediately after Aquino was shot, there are forensic pathologists today who think otherwise, that Galman did indeed do it. But that is another story.

The point is, investigators would have had an easier time with this case, which eventually caused the downfall of the military-backed Marcos regime, had things—the evidence, the crime scene, the fact-finding—been handled differently.

As with the Aquino slaying, so with lesser crimes.

Some of the problems are not inadvertent. Mishandling of evidence can be deliberate, such as the policeman hastily burning bloodied bedroom linen taken from the scene of the Vizconde massacre.

Some problems are the product of accident and circumstance, or just plain ignorance: cleaners hosing down the blood found inside a vehicle that had carried a rape and murder victim. Or weeping relatives cradling, moving, touching their dear departed at the scene of the crime.

Some problems are related to equipment, or the lack of it, a familiar complaint in a developing economy.

And some problems are the result of inadequate training and failure on the part of Soco operatives and police investigators to act properly at the proper time: the police officer who used the bathroom in Judge Ocampo's hotel room, the station commander who failed to demand the name of the man who found Baby Girl X.

These forensic failures have combined to slow down or even at times to derail the investigation process—and the criminal justice system with it.

"More than 60 percent of court cases are criminal cases," Castro says. "And these cases require forensic expertise."

Death becomes her: A Soco officer's life

From page A1

"In sensational cases, I just do my part and try to keep calm and cool," says Freyra, a medical graduate of the Manila Central University. "I tell the others to do their best too. But admittedly, it's really hard when a case becomes sensationalized. When it's a sensational case, the higher-ups want immediate results so there is less time to review our findings."

All she will say about the controversial Blanca case, however, is this: that she held an assessment and evaluation with her staff "to try to do better the next time."

Freyra's training as a medical doctor helps her keep her cool in a pressure-cooker environment. She also draws on her 12-year experience in Soco work, having served with the La Union police, the Crime Lab in Camp Crame, the Central Police District and the Southern Police District.

The diminutive 42-year-old mother of two children oversees a team of 19 officers and staff members. With responsibility for handing crime scene operations in Mandaluyong, San Juan, Pasig, Antipolo, Marikina and parts of Rizal, the unit is small by any measure.

Freyra says her team partly makes up for the lack of manpower by putting in longer hours.

They work "much more than eight hours," she says, and are always on call. If only there were at least two doctors for every district Soco unit, she muses. Then they would be able to work in shifts. "(But) there aren't a lot of doctors who want to work in Soco," she says.

On the average, Freyra's team responds to one case per day. The most they've handled is four crime scenes in one day. Her team works in two shifts, with each logging in 48 hours.

Daily grind

She starts her day early with her required attendance in court hearings where the medico-legal findings of her team are presented and explained to shed light on a case. "There's at least one hearing where I have to testify on. There are days when there would be four cases."

If there aren't any hearings to attend, Freyra devotes the time to paperwork, such as test results from autopsies and blood, chemical and ballistics analyses. There are also conferences in Camp Crame to attend.

Her team does much the same thing. While waiting, they sometimes watch cable TV or play the latest games on a PlayStation to pass the time.

But when EPD investigators radio in for help in a crime scene, Freyra's unit immediately springs into action. "Our tools are all packed so when there's a call, we just pick them up and run."

Crime scene

The usual Soco team is made up of five to six operatives, with Freyra herself usually acting as the team leader.

Once at the crime scene, the Soco operatives cordon it off with the help of other policemen. "A disturbed crime scene is really a big problem," she says. Most of the time, she adds, it is the kibitzers and the members of the media who disturb a crime scene.

Freyra then conducts an ocular inspection of the surroundings and of the body or bodies. After a short assessment, she will consult with the team of investigators to ascertain the nature of the crime committed.

Meanwhile, the team dusts for fingerprints and lifts them if there are any, takes photos of the bodies from different angles, and picks up any shred of evidence it can find, such as hair strands, fibers and blood stains.

Freyra then assesses the evidence the team has gathered and assigns tests that need to be conducted. These will later be marked for future use.

The autopsy of the body is conducted in the morgue of the funeral parlor that will later process the cadaver for burial. "Here, we conduct a full body autopsy, paying close attention to the entrance and exit wounds. If it's a shooting incident, we take note of the location of the slugs in the body."

From arrival at the crime scene to conclusion of the autopsy, Freyra and her team spend anywhere from one hour (in the case of what she calls "simple" cases) to three days, as in the Nida Blanca case. "It's a good thing the place was cordoned off really well and we were able to go back."

The EPD's chemistry lab is capable of conducting some of the basic medico-legal tests, such as drug testing and analyzing stomach contents.

The more difficult tests like toxicological exams, testing for drugs or alcohol in the blood and analysis of bomb parts are conducted in the Camp Crame Crime Lab. (Freyra notes that her unit is also tasked with examining debris from fire scenes, something that she says should logically be handled by the country's fire service.)

Major difficulty

The lack of advanced equipment is a major difficulty that Freyra has to deal with in her line of work. "Our equipment is not that advanced. In the United States, DNA analysis is normal, but here, it's not. (The equipment is) lacking and it's not that complete but we just make do with what we have."

Lack of supplies, however, is not a problem.

The hardest crime scenes to analyze are murders and shooting incidents, she says.

"The victim's body has to tell the story of the crime. Almost always, there's something that's left behind."

Rape cases are also difficult for Freyra, who has two daughters aged 14 and 5. "If I have to examine a child who is a victim of rape, I get emotional and angry. I am a mother too, you know."

"I imagine the pain and the trauma that the child felt. If an adult rape victim goes through a lot of pain and suffering, how much more a child? You can't help getting emotional." She struggled emotionally, she says, when she examined "Baby" Echegaray. (Baby's father Leo was the first to be executed in the country by lethal injection. He was convicted of raping his daughter.)

Freyra's job is difficult in another sense. Crime scene investigators rise all too slowly up the ranks. "With Soco, there is no spot promotion unlike (with) investigators."

She also notes that television portrayals of her job can be downright misleading. Unlike the cases shown in the cable program "CSI," for example, real cases don't get solved in a snap, she says. "Like in the program on Discovery Channel, the solution to cases can come after years. In our case, our aim is to help in the prosecution of the suspect and not really to solve the case on our own."

There are also a lot of misconceptions about crime scenes, mostly fueled by simplistic theories circulated through the media. "For example, in the Nida Blanca case, the shallow wounds don't automatically mean the assailant was a woman," she says.

Still, she finds fulfillment in what she does. "It's hard because there is a lot of work to do but it's very interesting," Freyra says. "Although it's not financially rewarding," she adds with a smile.

A lot of the income is psychic. "I am happy when relatives of victims come to me after a hearing or (visit me) at the office to thank me when the physical evidence helps in the prosecution. That's something money can't buy."

Deficit, politics mar investor faith in RP

From page A1

This reflects a sharp plunge in investor confidence as until three months ago foreign investors were aggressively accumulating Philippine credits following President Macapagal-Arroyo's support for the US-led war against terror.

Investor support had led spreads on benchmark Philippine '10s to tighten by a massive 200 bps to about 340 bps in end-March from 640 bps in November. The paper currently trades at 375 bps.

"In the Philippines you often get short waves of positive sentiment but that gets eroded when you find that there are no long term changes," said Michael Koh, fund manager of the JF Philippine Fund, which has about $6 million under its management.

And the sell-off is not just limited to the dollar bonds.

The benchmark PSE stock index has been Asia's worst performer in the past month, shedding some 12.7 percent.

"There is no strong ground for optimism. We don't see exceptionally strong recovery in the Philippines unlike some of the other Asian countries," Koh said.

Investor confidence was left brittle after Manila incurred a budget deficit of P82.964 billion ($1.6 billion) in the first four months of the year, overshooting its first-half target of P78 billion.

The government has raised its estimate of the deficit for 2003 to P120 billion from original forecast of P98.4 billion.

Credit analysts fear that the government may have to issue more dollar bonds to plug its rising fiscal deficit this year, further raising the country's risk premium.

This makes Philippine credits, the largest component of the benchmark JP Morgan Emerging Market Bond Index Plus more vulnerable to near-term risks in the Latin American markets.

The Latin American debt market has been hit by investor worries that Brazil might not be able to roll over its domestic debt in the months ahead of the October presidential election.

The Philippines' economic woes have been compounded by the reemergence of political infighting.

Ms Macapagal recently lost her majority in the Senate due to the defection of a key senator to the opposition.

"While many scenarios are possible before Congress comes back in session in July, our concern is the passage of important laws including asset securitization and asset management bills, could be delayed," said a note from JP Morgan, which recently reduced its exposure to the Philippines in its model portfolio. *Reuters*

PUP rejects blind scholars

From page A1

courses they were planning to take were courses that did not require technical skills, and because it was a state university with modest fees.

When the students were given the runaround at PUP, Lucio said he began mulling filing a court case against the university. Lucio is a social welfare officer at the DSWD, which used to be headed by Ms Macapagal.

The five other blind students with PGMA scholarships but rejected by PUP were Andrea Adremesin, Jessel Rivera, Bienalyn Villanueva, Charina Zuniga and Joel Rescobar.

The first dialogue between Lucio and PUP officials led by Dr. Sammy Salvador, PUP vice president for academic affairs, took place on Feb. 7.

At that meeting, three agreements were reached: first, that the blind students would not ask for any special facility or any special treatment from the university; second, that PUP will accept the blind students under the PGMA scholarship program; and third, that there was no need for another memorandum of agreement since the MOA regarding the PGMA scholarship was already in effect.

Under that MOA, deserving blind students should be given access to college education at PUP.

The second dialogue started on March 4, when Lucio spoke with Caragué (who is also the wife of former Budget Secretary and now Commission on Audit Chair Guillermo Caragué).

Caragué said she was interested in helping the blind students, Lucio recalled. According to Lucio, she had even said she would discuss the matter with Social Welfare Secretary Dinky Soliman.

Caragué set another meeting for March 17. At that meeting, however, she explained that the school did not have any facilities for blind students.

According to Lucio, she said she wanted to ensure the provision of "quality education" to students with visual impairment but that PUP allegedly did not have the funds for it.

Budget allocation

Lucio denies that this is so. He said that, under Section 29 of the General Appropriations Act of 2002, at least one percent of a state university's budget should be dedicated to facilities and programs for persons with disabilities.

Thus, he said, the PUP should have set aside at least P5 million for this purpose. There is no reason to deny entry to the students, he maintains, if the university's argument rests solely on financial limitation.

Blind students are accepted in private schools such as Trinity College, Ateneo de Manila University (where the celebrated Roselle Ambubuyog graduated summa cum laude), Philippine Women's University, Philippine Christian University, and state universities such as the University of the Philippines, Bataan State University, City College of Manila and the Mindanao State University.

The seven students, however, cannot afford the tuition in those private schools willing to accept them. Their PGMA scholarship was applicable only in PUP or TUP.

"It is regrettable to know that all of them were denied opportunity for tertiary education on the reasons that they are blind and the university does not have special facility for such type of students and the faculty members do not have the know-how and skills in handling blind students," Lucio said.

He said the Philippine Blind Union had even offered to equip PUP computers to be assigned to the blind students with the necessary voice synthesizers.

The PBU has also offered to give the necessary orientation for PUP teachers on the "dynamics" of dealing with blind individuals.

The PUP could even be a model school for accepting blind students. Lucio said he had already talked to international institutions that could help the school.

But the runaround discouraged them.

"I hope they can look beyond the physical and see what we can do," Versoza said. "We just want to be useful members of society."

Baguio cops turn down ₱200,000 bribe of Manila cops

From page A1

amine hydrochloride (shabu) worth P900,000, according to the Narcgroup spot report.

The shabu was sealed in three huge plastic sachets, the report said. Also confiscated from the suspects were two cellular phones, a Toyota Corolla car, a Hyundai Starex Van, a digital weighing scale, a calculator and illegal drug paraphernalia.

Chico appeared at the Narcgroup headquarters at about 5 a.m. on Sunday, together with a woman, Imelda Guillermo. According to a Narcgroup report, Guillermo is allegedly the live-in partner of De Juaiting.

'Arbor lang'

An official of the Narcgroup who handled the case said Chico pleaded for the suspects' release. "Arbor lang (Just release him to our custody)," Chico was quoted by the official as telling them.

Chico claimed that the arrested suspects were their "assets" who were going to be useful in another police operation in Caloocan City, which could lead them to a P10-million illegal drug haul.

When the Baguio policemen refused to budge, Chico reportedly threw a carton shopping store bag filled with cash on the desk of Eblahan.

"We were surprised and worried about this Chico. He turned around and went outside (after throwing the bag). Then we saw him making a lot of phone calls. Suddenly he disappeared," Eblahan recalled in Filipino.

At about 8:30 a.m., 12 more police officers, claiming to be detailed to the drug enforcement bureau of the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO), showed up looking for Chico.

"We were a little agitated. In Manila, when these many cops arrive (at our doorstep), you prepare for the worst, because we thought they were about to forcibly reclaim the suspects. I was ready for the worst," said Eblahan.

M-16 rifles

Many of the Narcgroup officers suddenly drew out their M-16 rifles from their stock room and stood on alert around the Narcgroup compound.

TOOTS SOBERANO/PDI NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU

SENIOR Supt. Orlando Mabutas presents the drug suspects and marked money used in an entrapment operation mounted in Baguio City at dawn yesterday.

The office was preparing for a 10:30 a.m. press conference that was to be conducted by Senior Supt. Orlando Mabutas, supervisor of the Northern Luzon Narcgroup.

But the Manila-based policemen merely loitered about, even staying to witness the press conference where Mabutas presented De Juaiting, Cruz and Lumba to the media.

"They were apparently waiting here for Chico," Eblahan said. "They told us they were on a stakeout operation in Caloocan, but then decided to spend some time in Baguio."

Eblahan said he was puzzled by this explanation offered by the policemen.

Some of them talked to the local press, coaxing them to soften their report "because these men are our assets."

Eblahan said he eventually kept Guillermo in custody for the bribe try. He said they asked several of the Manila policemen to stay in Baguio on Sunday afternoon, but he said he was forced to release them.

"We did not know how to charge them. They were not here when the bribery attempt took place," Eblahan explained.

Narcgroup officials were able to identify Chico because he logged his name on the office's record book. Two independent searches led Mabutas to the WPD and to the NCRPO.

In Manila, Chief Insp. Ferdinand Quirante, WPD anti-riot police head, yesterday said there was an Insp. Luis Chico assigned to the WPD-Civil Disturbance Management Group.

But Quirante said that to the best of his knowledge, the police officer did not leave Manila recently. Chico was not absent from his job last week, he said.

Chico heads a platoon of anti-riot policemen assigned to guard the US Embassy in Manila, Quirante said.

"I will talk to him when he goes to work tomorrow. We will see (what he has to say). We are not even sure if he is (the suspect)," Quirante said.

Chico and Guillermo were charged with bribery before an inquest prosecutor on Sunday afternoon. De Juaiting, Cruz and Lumba were detained at the Baguio City Jail.

The Narcgroup official, who alerted the Inquirer about the bribe attempt, earlier referred to a P500,000 bribe offer, but Eblahan clipped the P500, P100, and P50 bills on about 50 evidence sheets to prove that only P200,000 was tucked inside the shopping bag.

The illegal drug bust followed a June 19 operation in Barangay Bakakeng here that netted the police 278 grams of shabu.

The Narcgroup official said the city's shabu market had been supplied by pushers who come to the city disguised as transients. A Narcgroup report said the city's biggest market for shabu is composed of taxi drivers and bar girls.

"They (suppliers) have managed to keep shabu prices steady. So far, a gram still sells at P2,000 to P2,500. But once the supply is cut, the prices shoot up sky-high," he said.

The WPD General Assignments Section, which investigates erring Manila policemen, has yet to receive an official notice from police.

Marilyn sings in video

From page A1

Massachusetts Institute of Technology researchers, the long-dead celluloid star croons the song "Hunter" by the very much-alive performer.

The MIT team has combined artificial intelligence and videography to make words and song—even in foreign languages—emerge from the lips of people who could never possibly have uttered them.

"We wanted to try it on a celebrity who wasn't alive," said Tony F. Ezzat, an MIT postdoctoral fellow who created the surreal sequence. "I'm thrilled, obviously."

Yet not only does the video blur past and present. It also heralds new possibilities for video mischief. Just as digital stills can be manipulated to misrepresent reality, so will advances in digital video technology enable full-motion fakery.

The new video sleight of hand is the work of a group headed by Tomaso Poggio, a professor at MIT's McGovern Institute and Artificial Intelligence Lab whose efforts in the early 1990s involved cartoons. Poggio and others later created 3-D images of faces that could be viewed from a variety of angles with a range of emotional expressions.

Now, Poggio and Ezzat have programmed a computer to troll through short video clips and learn how a specific person speaks, a process that can take several days.

Once the computer has learned how the person shapes their mouth around individual sound segments—called "phonemes"—it can digitally morph the shape of the subject's mouth around any audio sequence the creator wants to put words in a subject's mouth within minutes.

It's the "teaching" of the computer that makes this method different from most existing facial animation technology.

The recorded results? A woman made to sing in Japanese, and Marilyn Monroe lipsynching a song that didn't become famous until decades after her death.

Ezzat has also been working on a video of Ted Koppel, ABC's "Nightline" anchor, speaking in Spanish.

The MIT team is most excited to see this new technology used for language training, helping the deaf learn to speak or putting a more human face on computers, though it also has obvious applications for entertainment and film, such as realistic dubbing.

Bob Steele, director of the ethics program at The Poynter Institute, a journalism research center, worries about the potential for abuse.

There are serious concerns that videotape could be doctored for unethical purposes: to fabricate evidence and literally put words in someone's mouth.

Consider, for example, all the tapes—such as those from the Nixon presidency—that have recently been released. How will the future authenticity of such audio recordings be guaranteed?

A study found that 22 adult viewers were only able to discern the real images from the animated images about half the time.

The MIT team does worry that its work, to be presented next month in San Antonio at Siggraph, might be used for mischief or worse.

But its members say there's no more danger of misuse than with any other innovation.

"It's a worry with any kind of research. This, I think, is not the one to worry about," Poggio said.

According to Ezzat, video "watermarks" could prevent copying or alteration of tapes in the same way treasury bills are marked to prevent forgery.

Also, he said, the computer couldn't fabricate words; it only superimposes real sound onto video, so—as of now—it would be difficult to make people say things on the MIT videotapes that they never actually said.

Bill Destefanis, a vice president at the imaging and speech recognition software company ScanSoft Inc., said it would be very difficult to meld computer-generated speech and animated video realistically enough to fool anyone.

"The technology is not good enough to trick a human ear," he said.

"We do have the ability to take recordings of someone, and build a synthesized voice and get a machine to say something that sounds like them, but you can tell the difference."

AP

THE SEARCH IS ON FOR THE CMMA 2002 AWARDEES!

CMMA 2002.
The Christian Family: Good News for the 3rd Millennium

CRITERIA

- Love for God
- Love for Truth
- Love for Natural Environment
- Promotion of Positive Filipino Values
- Love for Family and Life

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS TO:
The Catholic Mass Media Awards Secretariat
5/F 2113 Dominga Bldg. Pasong Tamo corner
dela Rosa Sts., Makati City

Tel Nos. 812-1833, 867-4026, 892-4779
E-mail Address cmma@iconn.com.ph
Website http:www.archdioceseofmanila.org./cmma

CATEGORIES

Advertising
Billboard, Print Ad, Radio Ad, TV Ad (Branded & Public Service)

Cinema
Best Picture

Internet
Best Website

Music
Best Album of the Year

Print
Business Column, Children's Magazine, Comic Strip, Entertainment Column, Investigative Report, News Coverage, News Photograph, Opinion Column, Short Story, Special Feature, Sports Column

Radio (AM/ FM)
Business News or Feature, Counselling & Public Service, Drama Episode, Drama Series, Educational Program, Entertainment Program, News Commentary, News Program, Special Event Coverage, Sports Program

Television
Adult Educational Program, Business News or Feature,Children's Program, Comedy Program, Drama Program, Drama Series, Entertainment Program, Music Video, News Magazine, News Program, Public Service, Special Event Coverage, Talk Show, Sports Show

Student CMMA
Short Film (documentary/narrative), Student Organ (tabloid) - Grade School/High School/ College Level, Literary Publication, News Photograph, TV Production (documentary/ narrative), Radio Production (documentary/ narrative), Student Public Service Ad

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES: July 5, 2002 at 5 pm.

The Catholic Mass Media Awards

Draft record

NBA NOTES

Henry Liao

THIS early, NBA watchers will have to get used to tongue-twisting names with the addition of international players to the league next season.

The recent NBA draft produced an NBA draft record 17 players who were not born in the United states. This includes six who were selected in the first round—one short of the record seven taken in 2000 (it was five a year ago).

The six are China's Yao Ming (1st overall by Houston), Republic of Georgia's Nikolez Takitishvili (5th day Denver), Brazil's Maybyner "Nene" Hilario (7th by New York, his rights were traded to Denver), Slovenia's Bostjan Nachbar (15th by Houston), Czech Republic's Jiri Welsch (16th day Philadelphia, his rights were traded to Golden state) and Yugoslavia's Nenad Krstic (24th by New Jersey).

The 7-5 Yao, who turns 22 in September, is the first international player without any US high school or college experience to be chosen No. 1 overall in an NBA draft and is the tallest ever at that position. Yao powered the Shanghai Sharks to the Chinese Basketball Association title over the Bayi Rockets this past season, averaging 32.4 points, 19.0 rebounds and 4.5 blocked shots in 34 games.

The first teenager to be chosen in the 2002 draft, the 6-11 Tskitishvili is an agile 19-year-old small forward who can also play the two-guard position and owns an NBA three-point range. He suited up for Benetton Treviso in the Italian League last campaign. Tskitishvili did not start playing basketball until he was about 15 and was a classic ballet dancer before then.

Hilario, whose nickname "Nene" means "little one" or "baby" in Portuguese, is a 6-9, 250-pound power forward who played the last two seasons for Brazilian club Vasco da Gama.

WIMBLEDON

Venus turns back foe; US men out

WIMBLEDON, England—Finally, a bit of intrigue in the women's draw at Wimbledon: Venus Williams trailing by a set.

Not only that, but the two-time defending champion was limping slightly and playing erratically against a fired-up opponent.

And then—quicker than you could say, "Who's Maureen Drake?"— Williams won 16 of 17 points to take control against the 110th-ranked Canadian journeywoman and win, 5-7, 6-2, 6-1, Saturday.

That put Williams into the fourth round along with six other Americans: her sister Serena, Jennifer Capriati, Monica Seles (who also dropped the first set before rallying Saturday), Lisa Raymond, Chanda Rubin, and qualifier Laura Granville.

Plus, seven of Nos. 1-9 made the round of 16. Ho hum.

It's been far different for the men: A startling 18 of the top 21 won't be around when play resumes Monday, including Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi.

And when 98th-ranked Jeff Morrison lost to No. 18 Sjeng Schalken, 6-4, 7-6 (7), 6-0, it marked the first time since 1922 that no American reached the fourth round at the All England Club.

"I didn't even know until this morning when somebody said, 'Hey, you're the last American.' Didn't even dawn on me," Morrison said. "It was unfortunate what happened to the Americans here this week, this tournament. But I didn't feel any undue pressure."

Still headed for a semifinal showdown in the only big-name matchup still possible: No. 1 Australian Lleyton Hewitt and No. 4 Tim Henman of Britain.

Hewitt had just four errors while dismissing Julian Knowle, 6-2, 6-1, 6-3, for his third straight-set victory.

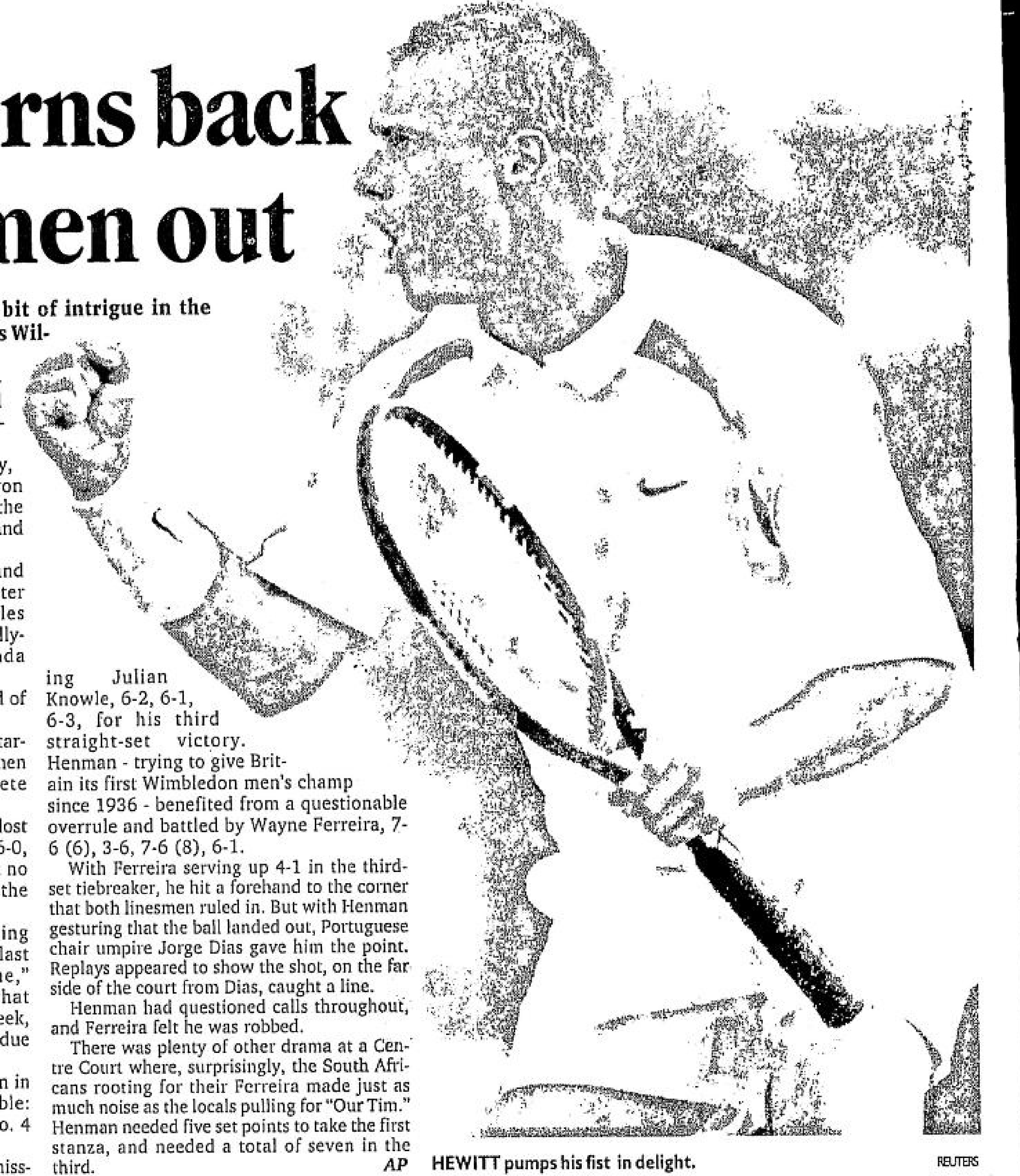
Henman - trying to give Britain its first Wimbledon men's champ since 1936 - benefited from a questionable overrule and battled by Wayne Ferreira, 7-6 (6), 3-6, 7-6 (8), 6-1.

With Ferreira serving up 4-1 in the third-set tiebreaker, he hit a forehand to the corner that both linesmen ruled in. But with Henman gesturing that the ball landed out, Portuguese chair umpire Jorge Dias gave him the point. Replays appeared to show the shot, on the far side of the court from Dias, caught a line.

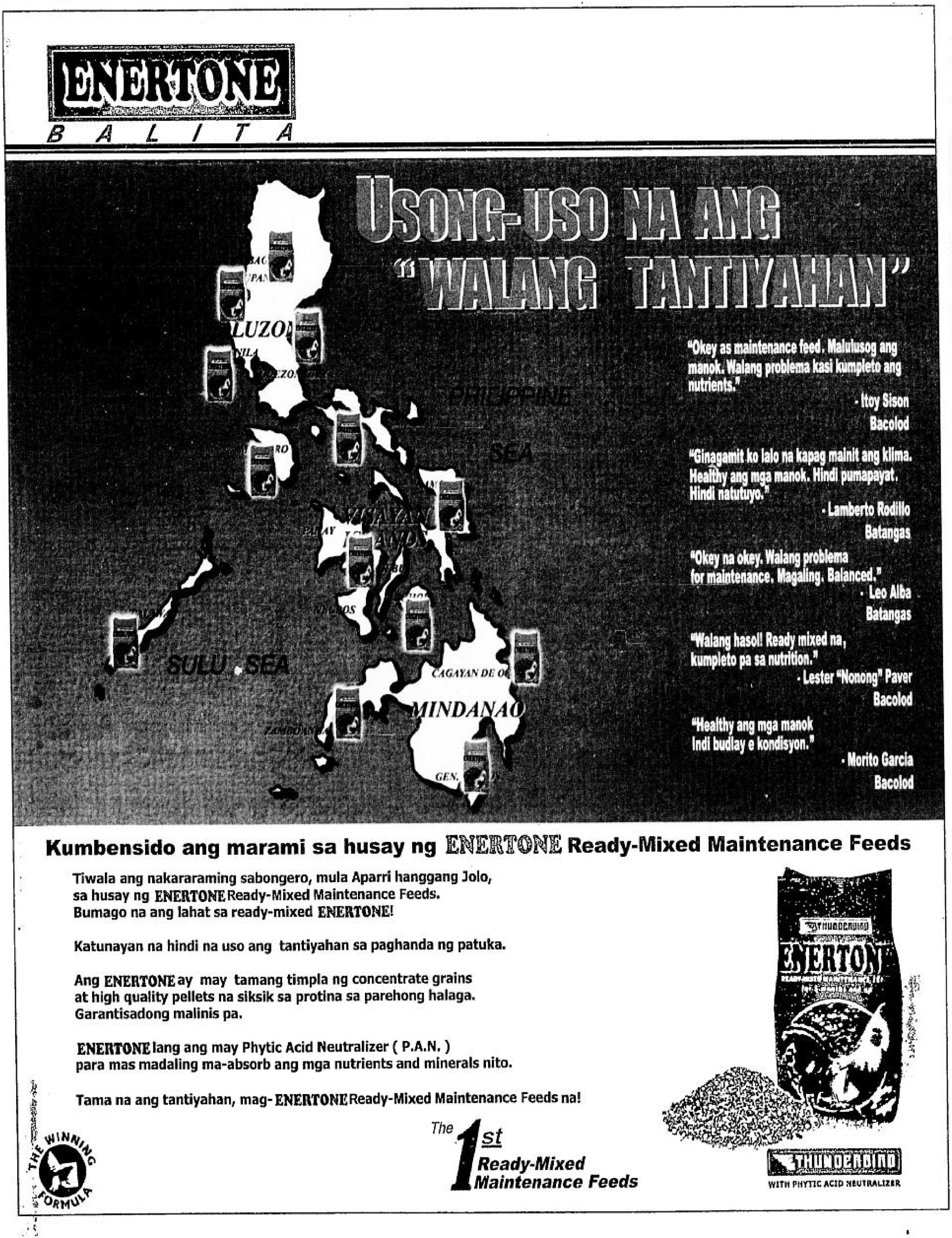
Henman had questioned calls throughout, and Ferreira felt he was robbed.

There was plenty of other drama at a Centre Court where, surprisingly, the South Africans rooting for their Ferreira made just as much noise as the locals pulling for "Our Tim." Henman needed five set points to take the first stanza, and needed a total of seven in the third.

AP



HEWITT pumps his fist in delight. REUTERS



ENERTONE
BALITA

USONG-USO NA ANG "WALANG TANTIYAHAN"

"Okey as maintenance feed. Malulusog ang manok. Walang problema kasi kumpleto ang nutrients."
- Itoy Sison
Bacolod

"Ginagamit ko lalo na kapag mainit ang klima. Healthy ang mga manok. Hindi pumapayat. Hindi natutuyo."
- Lamberto Rodillo
Batangas

"Okey na okey. Walang problema for maintenance. Magaling. Balanced."
- Leo Alba
Batangas

"Walang hasol! Ready mixed na, kumpleto pa sa nutrition."
- Lester "Nonong" Paver
Bacolod

"Healthy ang mga manok Indi budlay e kondisyon."
- Morito Garcia
Bacolod

Kumbensido ang marami sa husay ng ENERTONE Ready-Mixed Maintenance Feeds

Tiwala ang nakararaming sabongero, mula Aparri hanggang Jolo, sa husay ng ENERTONE Ready-Mixed Maintenance Feeds. Bumago na ang lahat sa ready-mixed ENERTONE!

Katunayan na hindi na uso ang tantiyahan sa paghanda ng patuka.

Ang ENERTONE ay may tamang timpla ng concentrate grains at high quality pellets na siksik sa protina sa parehong halaga. Garantisadong malinis pa.

ENERTONE lang ang may Phytic Acid Neutralizer (P.A.N.) para mas madaling ma-absorb ang mga nutrients and minerals nito.

Tama na ang tantiyahan, mag- ENERTONE Ready-Mixed Maintenance Feeds na!

THE WINNING FORMULA

The 1st Ready-Mixed Maintenance Feeds

THUNDERBIRD
WITH PHYTIC ACID NEUTRALIZER

Klitschko keeps title

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey—Defending champion Vladimir Klitschko pounded Ray Mercer into submission on his way to a sixth-round technical knockout win in their WBO heavyweight title fight on Saturday.

The Ukrainian easily retained his lightly regarded title as he continued his march toward a championship showdown with Lennox Lewis, the best heavyweight in the world and holder of the WBC and IBF crowns.

"I think I can prove myself with a fight versus Lewis or (Evander) Holyfield or (Mike) Tyson," the 26-year-old Klitschko said after his win at the Trump Taj Mahal Hotel and Casino.

Klitschko knocked down the overmatched 41-year-old Mercer in the first round and kept him on his heels thereafter.

He hurt him with a straight right hand in the second round, opened a cut over his right eye in the fifth and pounded him relentlessly in the sixth.

"We don't want to look (at) how old he is," Klitschko said.

With the victory, Klitschko improved to 39-1 with 36 knockouts and the 1996 Olympic gold medalist has now stopped 14 of his last 15 opponents.

According to fight statistics, Mercer threw just 10 power punches and fell to 30-5-1.

Weighing 243 pounds and holding a 15-pound advantage, Klitchsko used a leading left hook to set the tone.

AP

Iloilo entries rule Challenge

FIVE Iloilo teams overwhelmed the field in the Adventure Race of the San Mig Light Outdoor Challenge—a festival of outdoor sports including a duathlon, island marathon and beach football, games and nightly parties that catered to athletes, adventure-seekers, and fun-lovers—recently in Boracay.

Team Rice 3 composed of Carl Calvo, Michael Borja and Ritz Fernandez won the All-Men Category of the Adventure race, while Team Bombom (composed of Rey delos Santos, Jojo Delgado and Romel Seabino) and Team Bazzura (composed of Yolk Arias, Alvin Barbasa, and Bambi Sacapano) placed second and third, respectively.

Meanwhile, three more Iloilo teams swept the mixed category, They were 1st—Team Kalokalu—Alexandra Ganzon, Jeremiah de Jose and Ronet Casas; 2nd—Team Rice 1—Mylyn Hupeda, Delwin Angayen and Nell Ryan Mijares; and 3rd—Team Rice 4—Lee Richie Loreno, Renold Dutchilla and Lovelei Joy Luno.

BASEBALL RESULTS

Interleague—Atlanta 2, Boston 1; N.Y. Mets 11, N.Y. Yankees 2; Chicago White Sox 5, Chicago Cubs 4; Toronto 5, Montreal 4, 10 innings; San Francisco 5, Oakland 3; Florida 3, Tampa Bay 2; Milwaukee 10, Minnesota 2; Arizona 4, Cleveland 2; Detroit 2, Pittsburgh 1; Baltimore 11, Philadelphia 1; San Diego 8, Kansas City 4, 10 innings; Houston 8, Texas 5; Cincinnati 4, St. Louis 2; Seattle 8, Colorado 1; Anaheim 7, Los Angeles 0.

AP

Gilbey's trips Osaka anew; Cardel shines

ALL-STAR JULY 6 *(BGCC, San Fernando City)*
3 p.m.—South vs North

LIPA CITY—Gilbey's Olongapo caught Osaka Pangasinan napping in the first half and went on to tally a 98-86 victory yesterday, grabbing the provisional solo lead in the North division of the MBA First Conference at the Lipa Youth and Cultural Center here.

The Volunteers stormed to a 60-39 spread at interval and just coasted along to post their fourth win in six starts and move ahead of the LBC Batangas Blades, who are playing the Pampanga Stars at presstime.

A win by the Blades will put them alongside the Volunteers of Coach Junel Baculi.

Led by the outside-inside combination of John Cardel and Jeffrey Flowers, the Volunteers duplicated their 88-79 triumph over the Waves on June 22 in San Fernando City, Pampanga. That time, however, they trailed the Waves in the first three quarters before finding their rhythm in the fourth period.

Yesterday, the Volunteers started hot, raining the Waves with jumpers and put backs that handed them a 34-18 lead by the first quarter.

Cardel topscored for the Volunteers with 25 points, Flowers followed with 17 while Topex Robinson contributed 14.

The tournament takes a break and will resume for the All-Star, featuring the best players of the North and South conferences, on July 6 at the Bren Z. Guiao Convention Center in San Fernando City, Pampanga.

From July 13-24, an MBA selection to be coached by Francis Rodriguez will represent the country in the Jones Cup tournament in Taiwan. *Roy Luarca*

Scores:

OLONGAPO 98—Cardel 25, Flowers 17, Robinson 14, Fernandez 13, Go 9, Tan 7, Patrimonio 6, Dualan 4, McCoy 3, Luna 2, Gonzales 2.

PANGASINAN 86—Adducul 20, Banares 14, Castillo 12, Ferreria 10, Aquino 10, De Guia 10, Alcantara 7, Garcia 3, Du 0, Lambert 0, David 0.

Quarters: 34-18, 60-39, 73-57, 98-86.

COMMISSIONER'S CUP

Red Bull spanks Sta. Lucia

GAME TOMORROW *(Cuneta Astrodome)*
7 p.m.—Talk N Text vs Selecta-RP

By June Navarro

BATANG Red Bull shot down Sta. Lucia Realty, 66-62, hurdling the biggest hump so far in its title-retention bid in the PBA Samsung Commissioner's Cup at the Araneta Coliseum last night.

The Thunder are now tied at 3-0 with the Talk N Text Phone Pals, who also thrashed the Realtors, 83-71, last week.

A war of words between Sta. Lucia Realty slotman Marlou Aquino and Red Bull coach Yeng Guiao climaxed the highly physical contest.

"He's (Aquino) big but I will take him anytime," said a fuming Guiao minutes after exchanging ugly remarks with the 6-foot-9 Aquino as they made their way to the dugout right after the final buzzer.

Aquino nearly figured in a scuffle with Tony Lang earlier in the game when he sneaked in a punch to the hard-driving Red Bull import. Lang lunged back at Aquino but the referees quickly intervened.

"Marlou was getting into our heads. It's a good thing we focused and relied on defense in the end," said Guiao.

Losing their concentration after the Lang-Aquino confrontation, the Thunder fired blanks for six minutes, allowing the Realtors to slowly creep in.

Surprisingly, Aquino proved to be the biggest thorn for the Thunder as he banged in six straight baskets that trimmed the gap, 56-61.

Lang, who went 0-of-6 from the field at the start of the last quarter, broke the impasse with a dunk, while Junthy Valenzuela canned a short jumper that pushed the Thunder to a 63-56 margin, barely three minutes left.

Noynoy Falcasantos made a difficult undergoal shot, Willie Farley converted a steal while Aquino scored at point-blank as the Realtors threatened to take the game away from the Thunder.

John Arigo canned seven of his 19 points in the last two minutes to carry the Alaska Aces to an 83-79 victory over the Purefoods TJ Hotdogs in the second game. The Aces tied the Coca-Cola Tigers at 2-1, while the Hotdogs absorbed their second setback in three games.

Scores:

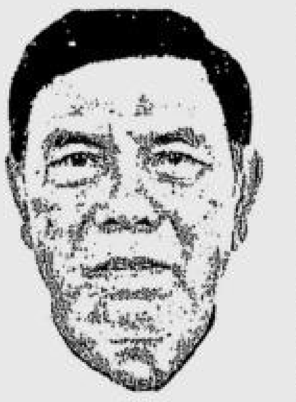
RED BULL 66—Lang 23, Nwosu 2, Harp 11, Tugade 6, Miller 4, Valenzuela 4, Torion 4, Mendoza 2, Hizon 0, Asaytono 0.

STA. LUCIA 62—Howard 22, Farley 19, Aquino 13, Falcasantos 4, Ortiguerra 2, Rodriguez 2, Victolero 0, Adriano 0, Mendoza 0, Del Rosario 0, Ejercito 0.

Quarters: 22-14, 40-35, 59-48, 66-62.

Hall of Fame rites set July 7

By Dennis Eroa



CARBONELL

THE ENSHRINEMENT of Loreto Carbonell, Kurt Bachman, Alfonso"Boy" Marquez and Geronimo Cruz to the prestigious Hall of Fame capped a magical and memorable career for the country's basketball legends.

The quartet saw action for the proud Philippine team which placed 8th in the 1959 Chile World Basketball Championship, in the Olympics and excelled in the Asian Games and ABC tournament.

Carbonell, Bachman, Marquez and Cruz are the third batch of cagers to make the Hall of Fame. Completing the roster are Carlos Badion, Eduardo C. Lim and Mariano Tolentino, all of whom already joined the creator.

The Hall of Fame ceremonies will be held on July 7 at the ballroom of the Manila Peninsula Hotel.

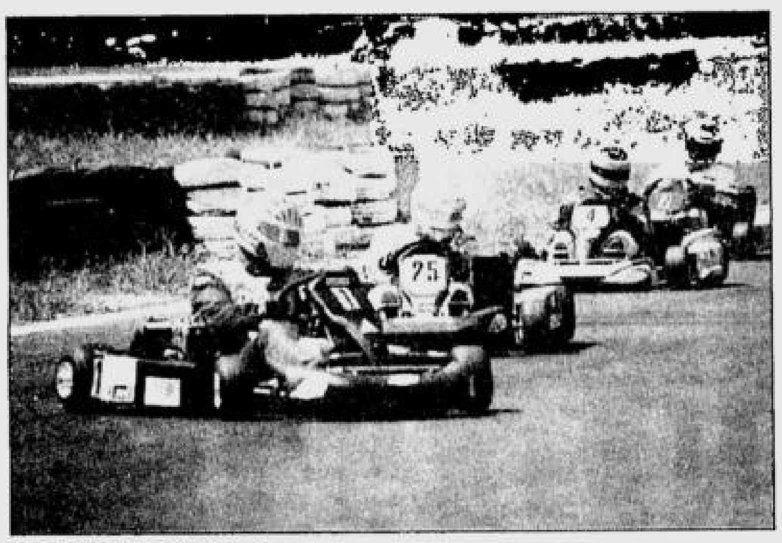
Carbonell, a Davaoeño, learned the basics from Jesuit fathers James Donelan and Richard Cronin. After finishing high school at Ateneo de Davao, he went to Manila, powering San Beda Red Lions to several NCAA titles.

Carbonell played in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, 1958 Tokyo Asiad, and the 1960 Manila ABC tilt. Nicknamed Bonnie, the former volleyball player also excelled playing for Yco.

An only child, Bachman finished grade school in San Beda but finished his secondary and college education at La Salle. He sparked the Green Archers to the NCAA senior and junior titles. Bachman played in the 1960 Rome Olympics, 1962 Jakarta Asiad, 1958 Tokyo Asiad and the 1960 Manila ABC.

Marquez was a product of Ateneo de Zamboanga, University of Visayas, Ysmael, Mariwasa and Meralco. Marquez, an all-around player, competed in three Olympics-1960 Rome, 1964 Tokyo and 1968 Mexico. He also carried the Philippine colors in three Asian Games—1962 Jakarta, 1965 Kuala Lumpur and 1966 Bangkok.

Cruz, proud son of Guagua, Pampanga, also donned the colors of Far Eastern University and Ysmael Steel. He also played internationally playing for the Dons, an American varsity squad. He played in the 1960 Rome Olympics, Tokyo and Jakarta Asiad and the 1963 Taipei ABC tilt.



KARTING ACTION

Defending champion Pepon Marave of Futura Racing team (No. 1) leads Tuason Racing-Team Oxygen's Mike Tuason (No. 25), Futura teammate Jess Garcia (No. 4) and MOFO's Allan Uy in the fifth leg of the 2002 Shell Super Karting Series recently. The event was sponsored by Pilipinas Shell, Casino Filipino, Bridgestone, ZED, Nokia, and Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office through general manager Ver Angelo.

Rosales 8 shots off pace

JENNY Rosales staged another resounding comeback yesterday by firing a four-under-par 67 behind a four-birdie stint in the backnine to jump to a share of 26th place in the Shoprite LPGA Classic at the Marriott Seaview Resort (Bay Course) in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Teaming up with younger brother Gerald again as her caddie, the 23-year-old Jenny made the biggest recovery of the second round as she climbed 56 rungs from the brink of elimination at 82nd place after an opening round 73 in the first round.

It was the third consecutive cut Jenny made after missing four in a row. She is coming off her best finish this year of fifth place in the Wegmans Rochester in New York.

She is paired with defending champion Betsy King in the final round.

With a 140 total, Rosales, however, trails solo leader Juli Inkster by eight strokes. Inkster shot a 67 for 132 with Kate Golden right behind her at 133 after a 69.

Annika Sorenstam also charged back in contention with a 67 to move within three at 135.

Dorothy Delasin, the Fil-Am who has yet to make a significant finish this season after winning twice last year, did not participate as she opted to prepare for next week's US Open in Kansas. Meanwhile, Frankie Miñoza missed the cut by just a stroke in the Mizuno Open in Japan. *Jong Arcano*

Pooley shows way

OWINGS MILLS, Maryland—Don Pooley's 18-footer for par on the 18th hole capped a record-setting round of 8-under-par 63 that thrust him into the lead Saturday after three rounds of the US Senior Open.

Pooley made an amazing nine birdies at the difficult 7,005-yard Caves Valley Golf Club. He set a tournament record for low score over 18 holes and finished the day at 9-under 204, three shots ahead of Tom Watson and second-round leader Walter Hall.

"A lot of great things happened today," said Pooley, seeking his first win in a PGA event since the 1987 Memorial. *AP*

RP chessers join US meet

A TEAM composed of seven Milo Checkmate kids left for US yesterday to compete in the World Open Chess Tournament slated on July 1-7 at Adam's Mark Hotel in Philadelphia.

Led by 10-year-old Gabriel Layugan of Ateneo and 15-year-old Emmanuel Emperado of St. James College of Parañaque, the team will join the Open Section five-day schedule starting July 3.

The competition, considered the world's biggest event, will employ the time control of 40 moves per 2 hours plus 1 hour play to finish.

Other members of the team are Dexter Dacanay, Jaroz Felipe, and Emmanuel Eumir Songcuya II. Aices Salvador and Angelo Macaraig failed to join the team due to passport problem. They were replaced by Dominique Layugan and Emmanuel Elijah Songcuya III.

The trip, part of Checkmate Program founded and organized year round by the Metropolitan Chess Club, aims to provide opportunities to its deserving students to gain exposure abroad at an early age.

The trip was made possible thru the assistance of Herman Group of Companies, Pagcor, Pilipinas Shell, and Philippine Sports Commission.

Congress should amend incentives law

CLEAN LIVING

Manolo R. Iñigo

CONGRESS should amend RA 9064, also known as the Sports Benefits and Incentives Act of 2001, because it is unfair to athletes who became sports heroes in non-Olympic disciplines like chess, billiards, bowling and golf. To my thinking, the law is also defective and discriminatory because it does not provide benefits to world champions in other sports, including professional boxing, where the man of the moment is Manny Pacquiao, the reigning International Boxing Federation super bantamweight title-holder. I recall that before the landmark bill was passed by Congress, then Rizal Rep. Gilberto Duavit, one of the principal authors of the bill in the lower House, said there was no discrimination in the measure because the emphasis to reward the athletes was based on fairness and equality. Duavit added he even proposed an amendment that would recognize the achievements of world champions Efren "Bata" Reyes in billiards, four-time World Cup winner Paeng Nepomuceno, the late Lita de la Rosa and Bong Coo in the World Bowling Cup, Dorothy Delasin, who won a leg of the prestigious Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour in the United States; and Eugene Torre, Asia's first grandmaster in chess.

Still, for whatever reason or miscommunication, the House proposals were deleted in the Senate because billiards (World Pool 9-Ball in Cardiff), bowling (World Cup), golf (LPGA Tour) and chess (Asiad and Chess Olympiad) are annual competitions and not quadrennial events like the Olympics and Asian Games, aside from being non-Olympic events.

When Congress resumes on July 22, it's high time our lawmakers, notably former PSC commissioner and now Bacolod City Rep. Monico Puentevella and Senators Robert Jaworski and Vicente Sotto III, who are both national athletes during their heyday, rally behind these athletes who brought honors to the Philippines at no government expense. Congress should amend RA 9064 by giving these sports heroes their just reqards.

* * *

JUST ASKING. Why do we have this habit of bestowing honor to a person who is dead already? When he can no longer respond, appreciate and thank the people who are giving him such honor... Two basketball Olympians—Eddie Lim and Charlie Badion—died before their enshrinement in the Hall of Fame this month. They will be missed... How true is the report that 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games silver medal winner Onyok Velasco has not yet received his P2.5 million incentives up to now? Another case of pangakong napako?

* * *

For inquiries, call fax/phone (044) 933-1214.

SPORTS ON TV

Compiled by Lorenzo Manguiat

TENNIS: Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships, Week 1 Highlights at 8 a.m. (r – 12 noon), Day 7, Round Of 16 at 7 p.m. on Star Sports

GOLF: U.S. Senior Open Golf Championship, Final Round at 1 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. (r) on ESPN

PGA Fedex St. Jude Classic Classic, Final Round at 1 p.m. (r – 5 p.m.) on Star Sports

PCHelp COMPUTER SERVICE
IN HOME & IN OFFICE COMPUTER REPAIR
Honest and Experienced Technicians
✓ DIAGNOSTICS ✓ MAINTENANCE
✓ UPGRADES ✓ PRINTER/MONITOR REPAIRS
✓ NETWORKING ✓ SOFTWARE PROBLEMS INSTALLATION
✓ NEW COMPUTER SET UP
LOWEST PRICES JOBS GUARANTEED
727-2222

FIGHT RUST
THIS SEASON OF RAINS AND FLOODS
LIFETIME ELECTRONIC RUSTPROOF
ELECTRO-ANODE
The ELECTRONIC RUST control device for MOTOR VEHICLES which places a very slight electronic charge on the whole vehicle body which will make it resist or repel the corrosive effect of water and moisture. The device adopts the two technologies of rust prevention–Impressed Current and Sacrificial Anodes.
30% DISCOUNT FROM JULY 1-13, 2002
J-R POSADAS ENTERPRISES
☎435-56-24 • 928-33-89
14-C KALAYAAN AVE., near KAMIAS ROAD, Q. C.

Dress up your 2002 REVO • ADVENTURE • CROSSWIND
BUY FACTORY PRICE CR-V • S.U.V. • VANS • PICK-UP
Now Available 2002 HONDA CR-V Full complete accessories
CROSSWIND X.U.V. CONVERSION We convert XL, XT, XTO, XTRM into X.U.V. look
ADVENTURE ACCESSORIES: Bumper, Side Bar, Rear Bar, Bumper Overider, Chrome Mirror, Chrome Door Handle, Chrome Tail Lite, Trunk Lid Cover, Rear Spoiler, Roof Rail
TOYOTA REVO SPORTS RUNNER (SR) CONVERSION PACKAGE PROMO P18,000.00
Two-Tone Painting P 5,000 only
AVAIL PACKAGE PROMO !!! WRAP AROUND STAINLESS BULL BARS P 17,000 only (FRONT SIDE, REAR)
ALSO AVAILABLE
• ADVENTURE SUPER SPORT CONVERSION P 25,000
• HI-LANDER X-TRM CONVERSION P 30,000
• FUEGO SPORTS(4X4 LOOK) CONVERSION P 25,000
WE WILL BEAT Any Price in town
KI LANG
7228085 • 413-8060/77
PASAR MOBIL ACCESSORIES
1150 Alabang-Zapote Rd Almanza I, Las Piñas City

You deserve a Break
Pamper yourself from head to toe with our therapeutic massages and new body treatments!
EXCELSIOR SPA his & hers
Visit our new branches and enjoy Special Opening Rates for regular massage:
2/F Fox Square
53 Connecticut St.
East Greenhills
San Juan
JDA Bldg.
A.B. Fernandez Ave.
Dagupan City
Tel. 075-5153978
Now Open for Franchising, Call 718-3154
2/F 483 Del Monte Ave SFDM, Q.C. Tel: 4127285 to 90
G/F Atherton Place 17 T. Morato cor Roces, Q.C. Tel: 4112938 / 4106639
2/F City Centre Bldg 520 Shaw Blvd., Mand. Tel: 7180533 / 7183154

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR TRUCKS & HEAVY EQUIPMENT SALE!!!
CALL US NOW AT: EMPIRE MOTOR SALES TEL: 361-8262 • 362-1606 • 920-0810
HITACHI UH07-3
TADANO TR250-3
KOMATSU D60P-6
15 UNITS BOBCAT
FUSO FIGHTER REF VAN
ISUZU FTR 8-STUD
FUSO CANTER 4X4
ISUZU GIGA VAN
BOMAG BW121
ISUZU FIRE TRUCK W/TANK

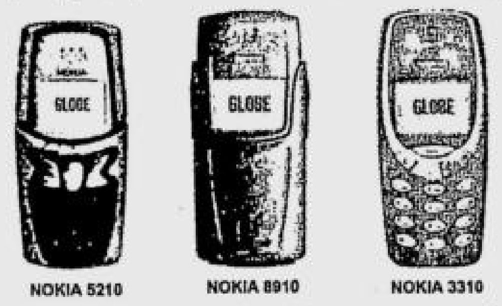
MOST WANTED

NOKIA
GLOBE
GUARANTEED
ALL-ORIGINAL
GUARANTEED

Nokia 5210

FOR AS LOW AS P341*/MO.

* based on a 12-month term for the Globe Handyphone G-Max Plan



NOKIA 5210 NOKIA 8910 NOKIA 3310

	Handset Price (5210)	Deferred Payment			Free Text	Free Calls	Monthly Fee
		NOKIA 5210	NOKIA 8910	NOKIA 3310			
ⒼText	P8,500	P 827/mo.	P 2,725/mo.	P 292/mo.	500	20 min.	P 500
ⒼMix	P7,500	P 730/mo.	P 2,628/mo.	–	350	100 min.	P 800
ⒼTalk	P6,500	P 633/mo.	P 2,531/mo.	–	350	210 min.	P1200
ⒼTalk Plus	P5,500	P 535/mo.	P 2,433/mo.	–	450	350 min.	P1800
ⒼMax	P3,500	P 341/mo.	P 2,239/mo.	–	650	750 min.	P3500
Prepaid Phonekit	–	P 992/mo.	–	P 427/mo.	50	–	–

Computation based on Unicard, Citibank and Standard Chartered 12-month term. Interest rates vary for other credit cards.

Call *GLOBE DIRECT* 751-8888 (8am -10pm)
Free delivery

Hurry, start filling out the Order Form.

Get our best deals for your most wanted handsets through your ***Citibank,Diners Club, Equitable, Unicard, Standard Chartered*** or ***BPI*** credit cards!
Hassle-free, easy installment terms! Free delivery!
Minimum purchase of P3,000.00 required.
Subject to bank approval.

All you have to do is:
- Fill-up and fax the Globe Handyphone Order Form to 739-9999.
- Fax a copy of any valid ID (Company, SSS, Passport, PRC, Driver's License).
- Fax a back-to-back copy of your credit card.
- Or mail to MPO - 2045

Conditions apply. See flyers for details.
Promo runs June 22 - August 31, 2002 only!

GLOBE TELECOM
Business Center

NOKIA
CONNECTING PEOPLE

CUT AND FILL OUT THIS ORDER FORM

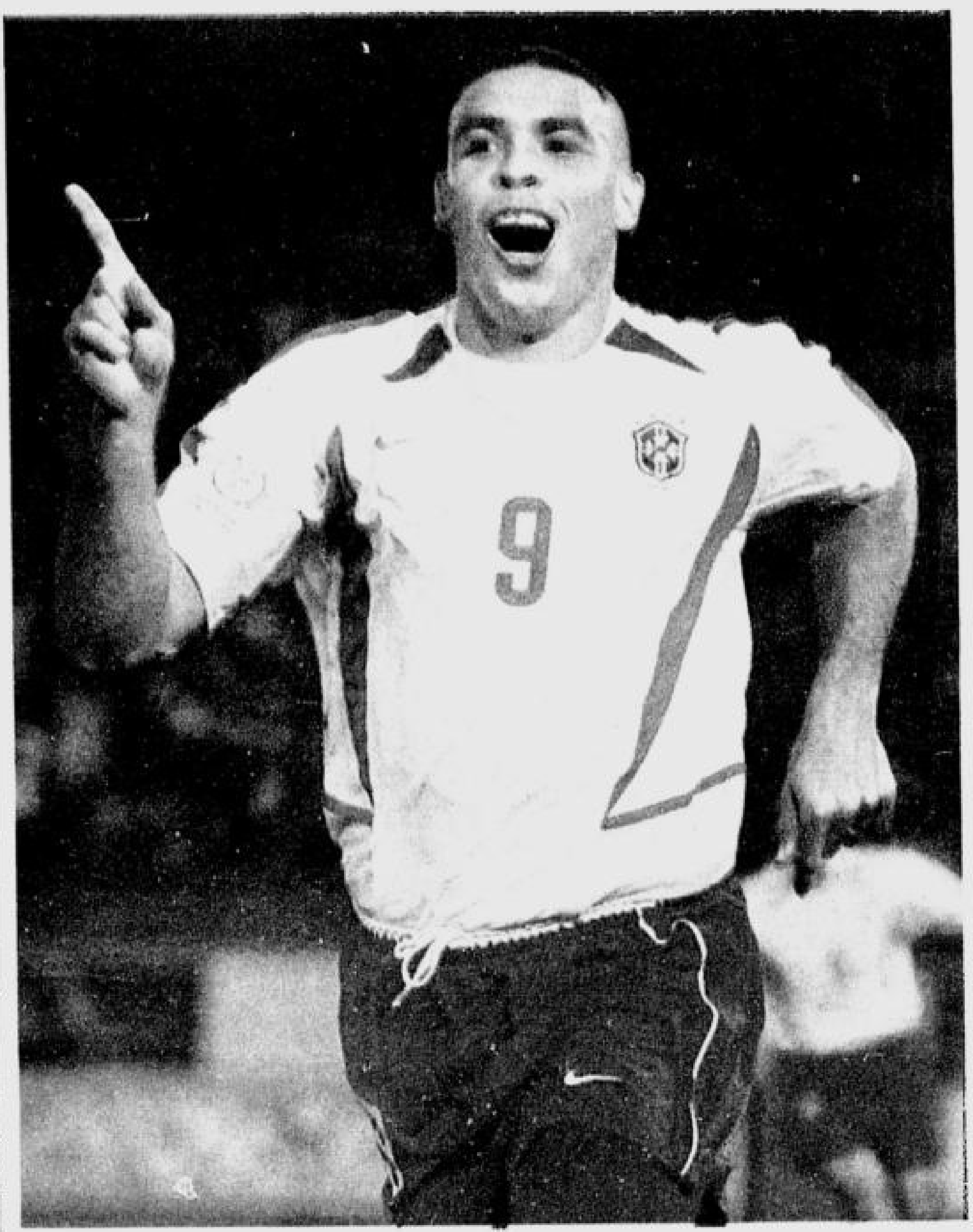
GLOBE HANDYPHONE ORDER FORM
Please print answers legibly and check appropriate boxes
Fax no. 739-9999

✓ Yes, I would like a Globe Handyphone delivered to me, payable in 12 months!
APPLICANT'S NAME ______ First Name ______ Last Name ______ Middle Name ______ Mother's Maiden Name
HOME ADDRESS ______ No. ______ Street
______ Barangay ______ City ______ Zip Code
HOME CONTACT NO. ______ BIRTHDAY ______ mm/dd/yy
OFFICE /COMPANY NAME ______
BUSINESS ADDRESS ______ No. ______ Street
______ Barangay ______ City ______ Zip Code
BUSINESS TEL NO. ______ PREFERRED BILLING ADDRESS ☐ HOME ☐ OFFICE
SPOUSE NAME ______ First Name ______ Last Name ______ Middle Name
OFFICE /COMPANY NAME ______
CREDIT CARD NAME ☐ BPI ☐ Citibank ☐ Diners Club EXPIRY DATE ______
☐ Equitable ☐ Unicard ☐ Standard Chartered
CREDIT CARD NO. ______ 3 Digits at the Back of Card ______
CREDIT CARD BILLING ADDRESS ☐ HOME ☐ OFFICE ☐ OTHERS
Handset Order ☐ Nokia 5210 ☐ Nokia 3310
☐ Nokia 8910 ☐ Others
Line Application Plan ☐ G-Text (Plan P500) ☐ G-Mix (Plan P800) ☐ G-Talk (Plan P1200)
☐ G-Talk Plus (Plan P1800) ☐ G-Max (Plan P3500) ☐ Prepaid line
SIGNATURE ______ DELIVERY DATE / TIME ______
To be filled out by Globe Telecom Representative:
Approval Code ______ Terms ______
Monthly Amortization ______ Total Amount ______
Remarks
PDI-A-07/01

www globehandyphone com ph
Per DTI NCR Permit No 2480 Series of 2002

SPORTS

Editor **Al S. Mendoza** ● *Assistant Editor* **Edwin M. Villanueva**



RONALDO: I'm very happy and proud. AP

BRAZIL WINS RECORD 5TH WORLD CUP

YOKOHAMA, Japan—It was the game soccer had waited 50 years to see, and the show belonged to Ronaldo.

The Brazilian striker teamed up with Rivaldo to melt a steely German defense, scoring a pair of second-half goals that lifted the South Americans to a 2-0 win and a record fifth World Cup title.

Ronaldo's seventh and eighth goals of the tournament gave him the Golden Boot as top scorer. They also laid to rest doubts about the health of his surgically rebuilt knee - and gave him some measure of payback for his flop in Brazil's upset 3-0 loss to France in the final four years ago.

French doctor

"I'm very happy and proud. I dedicate these goals to my family and to doctor Gerard Saillant," said a tearful Ronaldo, referring to the French doctor who performed surgery on his knee that saved the 25-year-old striker's career.

"It's thanks to my family and him that I'm here to celebrate these goals in a World Cup final after two and a half years of suffering and sorrow."

At the final whistle, players danced, wept, and knelt in prayer. Ronaldo and Rivaldo hugged and joyously waved a Brazilian flag, as a sea of yellow-and-green jerseys seethed and samba drums pounded in a reflection of the party that was beginning half a world away in Brazil.

With a sign in Portuguese saying "People of Brazil, thank you for the affection," players paraded before an ecstatic crowd that chanted "Penatcampeao" - five-time champion.

The "Three R's" - Ronaldo, Rivaldo and Ronaldinho - were simply too much for the Germans in the first ever meeting of the two World Cup greats.

Ronaldo punished a rare blunder by German goalkeeper Oliver Kahn, who had conceded just one goal in the previous six games, in the 67th minute and then scored the second in the 79th minute.

Kahn fumbled a shot from Rivaldo and Ronaldo ran clear to prod the ball into an empty net and open the scoring.

The second goal was superbly created, Rivaldo allowing a rightwing cross from Kleberson to run on to Ronaldo who sidefooted home.

The result, which sparked wild scenes of celebration in Brazil, meant that the Brazilians are now well clear of their rivals in the list of champions and Germany remains tied with Italy on three. It remains the only nation to win the title away from its own continent.

"They played too good. Maybe we were missing a little bit of luck," said German midfielder Bernd Schneider.

In early action, Kleberson hit the crossbar and Germany's Oliver Neuville had a 35-meter free kick pushed onto the post by Brazilian goalkeeper Marcos.

After Roque Junior had gone into the book in the sixth minute for a foul on Neuville, Brazil had a great chance to go ahead when Thomas Linke carelessly gave the ball away on the edge of his own area but Kleberson's shot was too weak to worry Kahn.

The Germans answered several minutes later. After top scorer Miroslav Klose had become the second player yellow-carded by Italian referee Pierluigi Collina, Schneider drove in a well-placed low cross which Edmilson turned behind with Klose lurking unmarked behind him.

Another Schneider cross, this time from the left, almost found Klose in front of goal but again the ball was turned behind at the expense of a corner.

Ronaldo should have put Brazil ahead in the 19th minute when he was put clear by Ronaldinho but prodded the ball wide with his left foot.

Schneider was causing the Brazilian defense problems everywhere and he turned up in central midfield to feed Marco Bode with a well-timed pass only for Cafu, playing in his third World Cup final in a row, to get back and rescue his team with a tackle.

With 30 minutes gone, Ronaldo had his second chance although it was far more difficult.

Clean contact

The Inter star swapped passes with Ronaldinho on the edge of the area and couldn't quite reach the return ball with a clean contact and Kahn raced off his line to gather.

After Jens Jeremies - replacing suspended Michael Ballack - fired high and wide from 30 meters, Kleberson had a chance to break the deadlock three minutes before half time but pulled his shot wide of the post.

In the final minute of the first half he got much closer. After Ronaldo, Rivaldo and Ronaldinho had created the opening with some slick passing, Kleberson fired a dipping shot that beat Kahn but came back off the crossbar.

AP

SUPERLOTTO 6/49

47 8 1 9 27 44

(in exact order)

SUERTRES 9 8 2

TREND MICRO
Prevent downtime stop viruses at the email server
CT Link Systems Inc.
Call us now for more details!
T# 893-9515; email: mktg@ctlink.inc.com.ph

Editor Louie C. Camino

Charantia®
AMPALAYA FOOD SUPPLEMENT
Nature's Gift to Diabetics
Herbcare
Herbals that work from people who care
Hotline: 802-22-22
Mabibili sa lahat ng mercury drug at iba pang pangunahing botika at mga piling supermarket

MMDA: Tow cars with no garage

By Leila Salaverria

CAR OWNERS in the metropolis should find proper parking space for their vehicles unless they want them towed away, according to Metro Manila Development Chair Bayani Fernando.

"If you can't find a place to park your car, then you shouldn't have a car at all," Fernando said in Filipino yesterday, stressing that the MMDA will tow cars parked on the street instead of in garages.

Speaking on the radio show "MMDA sa GMA" on dzBB, Fernando said owners must be responsible enough to ensure that their vehicles are not blocking the roads and aggravating traffic.

"Parking space is not a right but a privilege," he said.

The government is not obliged to find parking spaces for private vehicle owners, he said.

The MMDA chair observed that some people use their garage for other purposes and then park their cars in front of their houses.

"Bring back the cars to the garage," he said.

Part of Fernando's program to alleviate traffic is to clear Metro

MMDA/ A26

Jancom to mayors: Give us a chance

By Leila Salaverria

JANCOM Environmental Corp. yesterday appealed to Metro Manila mayors to give its garbage disposal contract with the Metro Manila Development Authority a chance, insisting it could solve the garbage crisis.

Jancom spokesperson Ricky Alegre said that since Friday, the firm has been sending letters to the 17 Metro Manila mayors detailing the provisions of the contract and what Jancom can do to help the towns and cities in their waste disposal.

The mayors had earlier decided as a council to recommend to Malacañang the scrapping of the Jancom contract with the MMDA.

Alegre said Jancom could work well within the scope of Republic Act No. 9003, or the Solid Waste Management Act, since the law has provisions on the use of sanitary landfills.

"We can work within RA 9003," he said. "We are part of the solution to the garbage crisis."

The $350-million contract between the MMDA and Jancom to dispose of

JANCOM/ A26

Bare eye: An American critique on Filipino life /A26

WAZZZZUP? ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Cowboy Grill BIÑAN, LAGUNA	MIXED-UP MOODZ	NO ENTRANCE FEE ☎(049) 511.7268
Cowboy Grill BRGY ALMANZA, LAS PIÑAS	STREETLIFE KNIGHTS	NO ENTRANCE FEE ☎801.7644
Cowboy Grill 1191 ARQUIZA ST., MALATE	PERFECT STRANGERS BROWNIE/MUSIC CIRCUIT	GIFTED MIND 525.1474/525.4269
Cowboy Grill 431 REMEDIOS ST., MALATE	MR ROXY PARTY-Z-POLE	NO ENTRANCE FEE ☎521.8143
Cowboy Grill NOVALICHES Q.C.	ICE KENDI J BROTHERS	NO ENTRANCE FEE ☎936.9757
TIA MARIA'S JUPITER ST., MAKATI CITY	M P 3 V I E W	MULATTO JULY 18 ☎890.4735
TIA MARIA'S REMEDIOS COR. CAROLINA ST	ON LINE D'BUMP	MULATTO JULY 25 ☎522-0429
TROPICAL FOREST Cafe·Grill·Restaurant TARALAN LUNETA, MANILA	MOONSTRUCKS	SOUP & SALAD BUFFET FREE DRINKS P180 11AM-2PM ☎400-7438/39

MONDAY JULY 01 912-8983

MAGIC PORTABLE VIDEOKE MICROPHONE
- Contains 790 popular English Songs
- Connects Directly to TV
- Shows the score after each song
- Wireless Stereo Output at 4 FM frequencies
- Hi-Fi Dynamic Sound Quality
- Adjustable Pitch, Tempo, Echo, Microphone and Music Volume
- Random Song Selection, Song Reservation, Continuous Play and Team Game Features
- Also available in Black Model

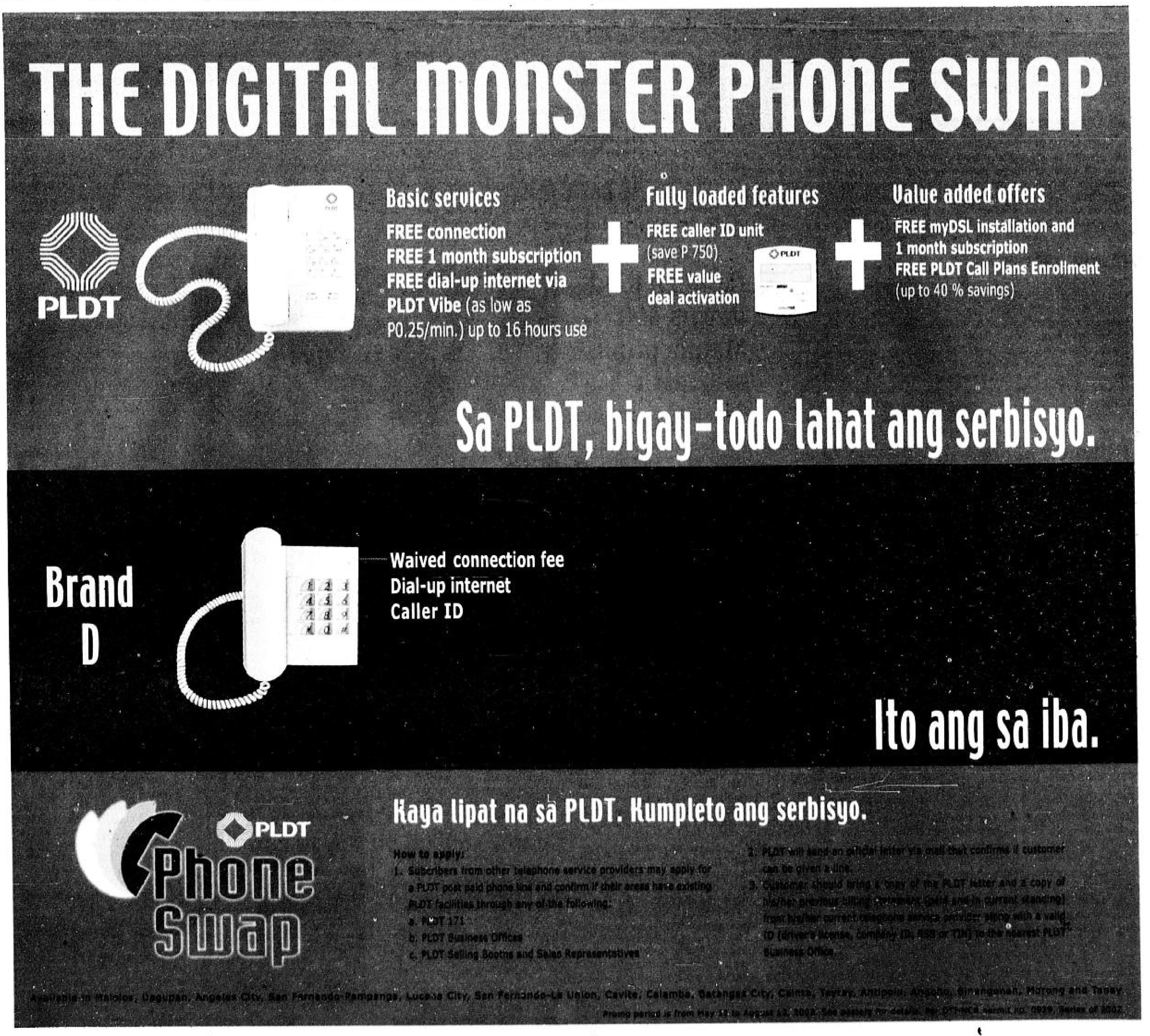
Your Do-It-All MICRO-OKE
ALSO AVAILABLE : TAGALOG, CHINESE, JAPANESE, KOREAN, HYMNS and SPANISH SONG CHIPS.
FOR RETAIL & WHOLESALE, CALL:
in-a-jiffy enterprises
ONE YEAR WARRANTY
Manila Branch: 7/F Marc 2000 Tower, 1973 Taft Ave. Malate, Mla (Beside LRT Quirino Station) Tels.: 405-0178/405-0186/405-0189 • Quezon City Branch: Rm 507, West City Plaza, No. 66 West Ave, Quezon City Tels.: 373-7396 to 97 • Malabon Branch: Today Shop 2/F Star Plaza F. Sevilla St. Tañong, Malabon Tel. 283-0614 • Main: No 81 Gov. Pascual Ave. cor Valdez St., Catmon Malabon Tels.: 288-9242 / 446-5879
WEBSITE: www.inajiffy.com.ph
FREE DELIVERY WITHIN METRO MANILA

ATTENTION: WHOLESALERS & RETAILERS
Imported Furnitures
Executive High Back Chair P 2,495
Clerical Table P 1,695
Computer Table P 1,495
Computer Table P 1,795
Clerical Table P 1,495
Computer Table P 1,995
And many more designs to choose from
UNIQUE INTERNATIONAL EXPORT CO.
591 Cordillera Street, Mandaluyong City
Tel. Nos.: 531-4267 / 532-2709 / 633-6428 531-3543 / 531-2678 • E-mail Address: unique766@hotmail.com

REVO PACKAGE SHARK
SHARK Stainless Oval Rear Bumper w/ brake lights
Shark Roof Caddy w/ exclusive custom stainless bracket
SHARK Stainless Side Steptube w/ turning lights
Also available for ADVENTURE and XTO
FREE BALCONEE
When you buy the REVO Package at:
1013 EDSA, Q.C. Telephone No. 410-3067 / 410-3065 or 372-3640

Why have pimples when you can have clear skin?
Facial Plus
FACIAL PLUS is a new facial center that caters to your skin care needs at an affordable price!. Come and get your FREE FACIAL.
FACIAL AND BLEACHING CENTER
NOW OPEN
- CALOOCAN New Grace Bldg., 200 New Grace Park St., 10th Ave., Caloocan City 323-2660 to 62
- LAS PIÑAS Santoquel Bldg., Verdant Acres, Las Piñas City 874-5554
- DAVAO ERB FACIAL LINE Door 2-B, Don Alejandro Bldg., Bajada, Davao City 222-3026 / 224-0360
- NAGA Unit D. Elias Angeles St., Aristocrat Hotel, Naga City (054) 473-4822 (054) 811-5471
- NOVALICHES 235 General Luis St., Quezon City 935-7865
- CAVITE 2nd Flr., Palmas Bldg., 82 Campos Ave., Dasmariñas, Cavite (046) 973-3771
- LEGASPI CITY 2nd Level Pacific Mall, Legaspi City (052) 820-2082 (052) 480-6050

OPEN FOR FRANCHISING
For inquiries pls. call: 372-9910 / 372-9919
Look for Ms. Agnes
Clinic Hours: 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM We're open from Mondays to Sundays.
FACIAL ₱200 ONLY



THE DIGITAL MONSTER PHONE SWAP
PLDT
Basic services
FREE connection
FREE 1 month subscription
FREE dial-up internet via PLDT Vibe (as low as P0.25/min.) up to 16 hours use
Fully loaded features
FREE caller ID unit (save P 750)
FREE value deal activation
Value added offers
FREE myDSL installation and 1 month subscription
FREE PLDT Call Plans Enrollment (up to 40 % savings)
Sa PLDT, bigay-todo lahat ang serbisyo.
Brand D
Waived connection fee
Dial-up internet
Caller ID
Ito ang sa iba.
PLDT Phone Swap
Kaya lipat na sa PLDT. Kumpleto ang serbisyo.
How to apply:
1. Subscribers from other telephone service providers may apply for a PLDT post paid phone line and confirm if their areas have existing PLDT facilities through any of the following:
a. PLDT 171
b. PLDT Business Offices
c. PLDT Selling Booths and Sales Representatives
2. PLDT will send an official letter via mail that confirms if customer can be given a line.
3. Customer should bring a copy of the PLDT letter and a copy of his/her previous billing statement (paid and in current standing) from his/her current telephone service provider along with a valid ID (driver's license, company ID, SSS or TIN) to the nearest PLDT Business Office.
Available in Malolos, Dagupan, Angeles City, San Fernando-Pampanga, Lucena City, San Fernando-La Union, Cavite, Calamba, Batangas City, Cainta, Taytay, Antipolo, Angono, Binangonan, Morong and Tanay
Promo period is from May 12 to August 12, 2002. See posters for details. Per DTI-NCR permit no. 0939, Series of 2002.

TREND MICRO
Prevent downtime stop viruses at the email server
CT Link Systems Inc.
Call us now for more details
1 - 893-9515, email: mktg@ctlink.inc.com.ph

Charantia
AMPALAYA FOOD SUPPLEMENT
Nature's Gift to Diabetics
Herb
Hotline: 802-22-22

MMDA: Tow cars with no garage

By Leila Salaverria

CAR OWNERS in the metropolis should find proper parking space for their vehicles unless they want them towed away, according to Metro Manila Development Chair Bayani Fernando.

"If you can't find a place to park your car, then you shouldn't have a car at all," Fernando said in Filipino yesterday, stressing that the MMDA will tow cars parked on the street instead of in garages.

Speaking on the radio show "MMDA sa GMA" on dzBB, Fernando said owners must be responsible enough to ensure that their vehicles are not blocking the roads and aggravating traffic.

"Parking space is not a right but a privilege," he said.

The government is not obliged to find parking spaces for private vehicle owners, he said.

The MMDA chair observed that some people use their garage for other purposes and then park their cars in front of their houses.

"Bring back the cars to the garage," he said.

Part of Fernando's program to alleviate traffic is to clear Metro

MMDA/ A26

Jancom to mayors: Give us a chance

By Leila Salaverria

JANCOM Environmental Corp. yesterday appealed to Metro Manila mayors to give its garbage disposal contract with the Metro Manila Development Authority a chance, insisting it could solve the garbage crisis.

Jancom spokesperson Ricky Alegre said that since Friday, the firm has been sending letters to the 17 Metro Manila mayors detailing the provisions of the contract and what Jancom can do to help the towns and cities in their waste disposal.

The mayors had earlier decided as a council to recommend to Malacañang the scrapping of the Jancom contract with the MMDA.

Alegre said Jancom could work well within the scope of Republic Act No. 9003, or the Solid Waste Management Act, since the law has provisions on the use of sanitary landfills.

"We can work within RA 9003," he said. "We are part of the solution to the garbage crisis."

The $350-million contract between the MMDA and Jancom to dispose of

JANCOM/ A26

Bare eye: An American critique on Filipino life
A26

ATTENTION: WHOLESALERS & RETAILERS

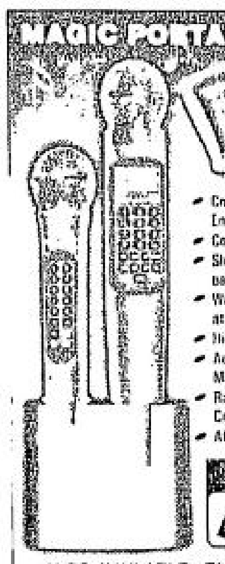
Executive High Back Chair P 2,495
Clerical Table P 1,695
Computer Table P 1,495
Computer Table P 1,795
Clerical Table P 1,495
Computer Table P 1,995
And many more designs to choose from
UNIQUE INTERNATIONAL EXPORT CO.
591 Cordillera Street, Mandaluyong City
Tel. Nos.: 531-4267 / 532-2709 / 633-6428 531-3543 / 531-2678 • E-mail Address: unique766@hotmail.com

REVO PACKAGE
SHARK
SHARK Stainless Oval Rear Bumper w/ brake lights
Shark Roof Caddy w/ exclusive custom stainless bracket
SHARK Stainless Side Steptube w/ turning lights
Also available for ADVENTURE and XTO
FREE BALCONEE
1013 EDSA, Q.C. Telephone No. 410-3067 / 410-3065 or 372-3640

WAZZZZUP? ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Biñan, Laguna	MIXED-UP MOODZ	NO ENTRANCE FEE ☎ (049) 511.7268
	STREETLIFE KNIGHTS	NO ENTRANCE FEE ☎ 801.7644
	PERFECT STRANGERS BROWNIE/MUSIC CIRCUIT	GIFTED MIND 525.1474/525.4269
	MR ROXY PARTY-Z-POLE	NO ENTRANCE FEE ☎ 521.8143
NOVALICHES Q.C.	ICE KENDI J BROTHERS	NO ENTRANCE FEE ☎ 936.9757
JUPITER ST. MAKATI CITY	MP3 VIEW	MULATTO JULY 18 ☎ 890.4735
REMEDIOS COR CAROLINA ST	ON LINE D'BUMP	MULATTO JULY 25 ☎ 522-0429
FOREST Cafe Grill Restaurant	MOONSTRUCKS	SOUP & SALAD BUFFET FREE DRINKS P310 11AM-2PM ☎ 400-7438/39

MONDAY JULY 01 912-8983



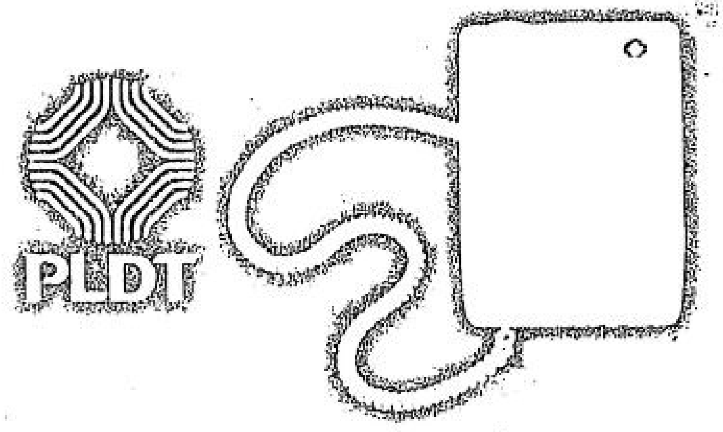
MAGIC PORTABLE VIDEOKE MICROPHONE
- Contains 700 popular English Songs
- Connects Directly to TV
- Shows the score after each song
- Wireless Stereo Output at 4 FM frequencies
- Hi Fi Dynamic Sound Quality
- Adjustable Pitch, Tempo, Echo, Microphone and Music Volume
- Random Song Selection, Song Reservation, Continuous Play and Team Game Features
- Also available in Black Mode

Your Do-It-All MICRO-OKE
ALSO AVAILABLE : TAGALOG, CHINESE, JAPANESE, KOREAN, HYMNS and SPANISH SONG CHIPS.
FOR RETAIL & WHOLESALE, CALL
in-a-jiffy enterprises
ONE YEAR WARRANTY
WEBSITE: www.inajiffy.com.ph FREE DELIVERY WITHIN METRO MANILA

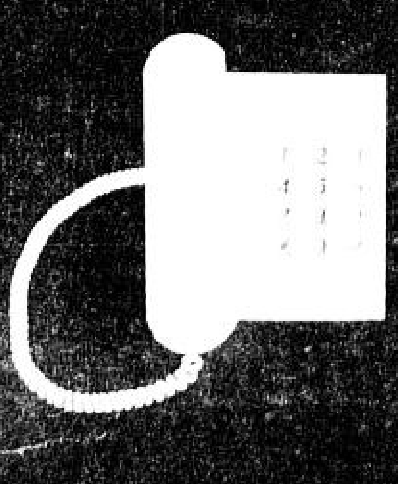
Why have pimples when you can have clear skin?
FacialPlus
FACIAL PLUS is a new facial center that caters to your skin care needs at an affordable price! Come and get your FREE FACIAL.
FACIAL AND BLEACHING CENTER NOW OPEN
• CALOOCAN New Grace Bldg., 200 New Grace Park St. 10th Ave. Caloocan City 323-2660 to 62
• LAS PINAS Sarmaquel Bldg. Verdant Acres Las Piñas City 874-5554
• DAVAO ERB FACIAL LINE Davao City 222-3026 / 224-0360
• NAGA Naga City (054) 473-4822 (054) 811-5471
• NOVALICHES 235 General Luis St. Quezon City 935-7865
• CAVITE 2nd Flr. Palmas Bldg. 82 Campos Ave. Dasmariñas, Cavite (046) 973-3771
• LEGASPI CITY 2nd Level Pacific Mall Legaspi City (052) 820-2082 (052) 480-6050
OPEN FOR FRANCHISING For inquiries pls. call: 372-9910 / 372-9919 Look for Ms. Agnes
Clinic Hours: 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM We're open from Mondays to Sundays

FACIAL ₱200 ONLY

THE DIGITAL MONSTER PHONE SWAP



PLDT
Basic services:
FREE connection
FREE 1-month subscription
FREE dial-up internet via PLDT Vibe (as low as P0.25/min; up to 16 hours use)
+
Fully loaded features:
FREE caller ID unit (save P750)
FREE value deal activation
+
Value added offers:
FREE myDSL installation and 1 month subscription
FREE PLDT Call Plan Enrollment (up to 40% savings)
Sa PLDT, bigay-todo lahat ang serbisyo.



Brand D
Waived connection fee
Dial-up internet
Caller ID
Ito ang sa iba.

PLDT Phone Swap
Kaya lipat na sa PLDT. Kumpleto ang serbisyo.
How to apply:
1. Subcribers from other telephone service providers may apply for a PLDT post paid phone line and confirm if their areas have existing PLDT facilities through any of the following:
a. PLDT 171
b. PLDT Business Offices
c. PLDT Selling Booths and Sales Representatives
2. PLDT will send an official letter via mail that confirms if customer can be given a line.
3. Customer should bring a copy of the PLDT letter and a copy of his/her previous billing statement (paid and in current standing) from his/her current telephone service provider along with a valid ID (driver's license, company ID, SSS or TIN) to the nearest PLDT Business Office.
Available in Malolos, Dagupan, Angeles City, San Fernando-Pampanga, Lucena City, San Fernando-La Union, Cavite, Calamba, Batangas City, Cainta, Taytay, Antipolo, Angono, Binangonan, Morong and Tanay.
Promo period is from May 12 to August 12, 2002. See posters for details. Per DTI-NCR permit no. 0929, Series of 2002.

An American critique on Filipino life

BARE EYE

Recab Trinidad

PARDON my saying this but this American, a dozen kilos too huge for his seat, should have flown first class or business.

Pardon this again, but the bugger, the way he pushed his way around, was hell-bent to get back every cent of what he had paid for his plane ticket.

He asked for coffee, still unavailable, as soon as he had squeezed his bulging bottom into his tiny seat. Finding the overhead bins all filled, he had snapped that it was the duty of the lovely Thai stewardess to find a place for his third extra hand luggage.

He did not waste time, he asked for a blanket as soon as he had taken his economy section seat.

He got the aisle, I got the window seat, 65-K.

This was on Saturday, we were both headed home, flying economy, from Bangkok, a most wonderful city which I had again chosen to unwind after that distressing coverage of the Asian amateur boxing championship in Seremban, Malaysia.

***

My seatmate was what you may call a nervous type. He kept sucking his thumb and incessantly nibbled at his half-gone, forlorn fingernails.

We were separated by a vacant seat, considered neutral country during international flights.

But, you know what, the guy just took full control and occupied that space as though he had also paid for it.

He readily dumped everything in hand, magazines, newspaper, utility bag, on the vacant seat.

Anyway, let me confess that I took an instant dislike for the fellow.

I also swore to control my bladder so I would not have to beg for passage in case it would become necessary that I go to the lavatory.

I did not want to have anything to do with him. I tried to play deaf but, all the while, he kept complaining practically about everything.

***

We indeed had to change gates, from 15 to 44, at the last minute. But he claimed he had come much, much earlier than our bunch. So, after he had reported to Gate 15, he said he was first diverted to Gate 24, before being finally being told TG 620 for Manila and Osaka would be serviced through Gate 44.

He was addressing his protest speech to everybody, especially me.

I pretended not to listen and instead buried myself in Steinbeck's "The Log from the Sea of Cortez," long out of print but which I had the luck of picking up from a junk bookstore on that cool, overcast afternoon before I took a two-night bus ride from KL to Bangkok.

You also went to Gate 24 first, he asked turning his head to where I was seated.

Well, you could only hold your defenses for a limited time. No, I said, trying to appear disinterested. I only had to suffer one extra security check, I said.

He should have left it at that. But he fired away and told me that he raised hell, short of creating a scene. He said he asked for Thai Airways stationery and wrote the general manager.

Let's see what he would do about this bull—t, he said.

***

The noisy, uneasy American must be only in his late forties, but he looked every excess inch as though he was nearing 60.

He said he knows more than enough about the Philippines, having lived in the country for 18 years. He gave his name, said he owns acres and acres of land in his native Georgia and is married to a Filipina with whom he has an 11-year-old kid.

I nodded courteously, trying to cut off the budding conversation. But he continued his chatter: "You know what, Filipinos are very free, and it's not good for your country. Maybe this is the reason your streets are often clogged and very dirty. You're much too free, much more free than Americans."

He said he did not know why but Filipinos, he explained, appeared incapable of observing rules and regulations.

He next asked if Erap Estrada, whom he called the most popular president we ever had that foolishly let the drug thing run out of hand, would go to jail.

He's practically already in jail, I said.

What about the Moros, he asked, you think they are Filipinos? I nodded.

"No," he exclaimed, "those buggers are not Filipinos. They may speak your language but they don't care about the Philippines. They only care about themselves."

The Philippines is such a nice place, but it's not being run well, he said.

He mentioned the Ozone disco fire that killed scores of revelers. He said authorities reacted only after the tragedy.

Next came the Manor Hotel fire also in Quezon City where many guests perished in their sleep.

He said authorities would recognize violations and discrepancies only after the accident.

Now listen, he said, there's another accident waiting to happen out there in Manila, at the corner of Mabini and Padre Faura.

I expressed amazement.

You see, he explained, the PCIB has occupied the sidewalk immediately after the main bank entrance on Padre Faura. As a result, he said, pedestrians are exposed to constant danger walking on the street.

That's criminal, he said, it's clearly a violation of tax-payers' rights, a supreme disregard for civilized rule but City Hall and Mayor Atienza are not doing anything.

I nodded again.

Wait until somebody gets killed there and authorities would finally act, he said.

Funny, but the fellow who should have flown business or first class appeared to have a strong case there.

METROBRIEFS

Mandaluyong 'inside job'

MANDALUYONG City policemen believe that a company insider helped the suspects in the P5-million robbery of Sta. Lucia Realty Corp. last week. Investigators said messengers Juan Malong and Jun Balabad and security guard Ricky Aperocho are now under investigation. Policemen said they learned during questioning that Aperocho had come to work late, but Malong had arrived about two hours early. Malong told police he had asked Balabad to accompany him in depositing the cash in a bank on Ortigas Avenue. An investigator who asked not to be named said it was interesting how the suspects were able to identify Malong as the one who carried the cash and not Balabad. Malong had told police that five men armed with Armalites and on board a white Toyota Corolla blocked their path and took the money from them. A Philippine National Police-Traffic Management Group team spotted the vehicle and chased it along Edsa, triggering a gun battle that left a PO2 Dexter Sy killed, two other policemen wounded and at least 10 civilians hurt, police said. *Nelson F. Flores*

Caloocan rape

THE Caloocan City Prosecutor's Office has denied bail to a 46-year-old man accused of raping his 15-year-old daughter for three years and getting her pregnant. SPO4 Marilou Rheberg said the man had been raping the girl since June 1999 when she was still in Grade VI and stopped only when she got pregnant. The policewoman said the man usually abused the girl after she came home from school. The last rape happened only last week, the officer said. The girl told police she had been telling her mother about the abuse, but her mother did not believe her. She said she learned she was pregnant when her classmates brought her to the school clinic after she felt dizzy and she threw up. *Tina Santos*

Bulacan traffic shooting

FORMER Angat town mayor Apolonio Marcelo is facing frustrated murder charges after he allegedly shot and wounded a truck driver in a traffic dispute in Barangay Guyong, Bulacan last week. Policemen said Marcelo was accused of shooting Rogelio Anonueva, 64, of Barangay Bagbaguin in the left shoulder. Marcelo had wanted to overtake a convoy of trucks and had signaled Anonuevo repeatedly, policemen said. Anonueva said he did not notice Marcelo signaling. He said he was surprised to see Marcelo draw his 9 mm pistol and fire at his truck. *Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Manila killings

CONSTRUCTION WORKER Oscar Rosaroso, 36, died after two unidentified men hacked off his arm and shot him at the NHA temporary housing site in Tondo, Manila on Saturday, policemen said. Witnesses said they saw Rosaroso quarreling with the two men about an hour before he was killed. Vendor Elvin Clores, 25, was on his way home on Peñalosa Street, also in Tondo, when three men shot him to death on Friday. Barangay authorities apprehended Jay-ar de los Santos, 28, of Sta. Niño, Pasay City, who acted as lookout, but he denied involvement in the killing. Security guard Efren Quintao, 48, of the Marcap Security Agency was found dead in a parking lot on Reina Regente corner Soler Streets in Binondo on Friday. Quintao had five stab wounds in the chest. Policemen said the suspect did not take Quintao's personal belongings and firearm. *Jerome Aning*

Mistake shooting

POLICEMEN shot and injured Raymond Bautista, 17, and Mark Anthony Sy, 17, both of Maypajo, Caloocan City, after they were mistaken to have been in a rumble between two gangs on Friday. Bautista was hit in the left foot and Sy in the face, investigators said. The boys were walking in an area where a rumble was going on when three Caloocan policemen arrived and fired at them, investigators said. The shots dispersed the gangs but hit Bautista and Sy. Senior Supt. Benjardi Mantele has promised a full investigation. *Alcuin Papa*

Parañaque raid

NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation agents confiscated 6,144 pairs of fake Skechers shoes worth P8 million during a raid last week on Inter-Pacific Trading warehouse on Quirino Avenue in Parañaque. Authorities said Jeffrey Morales, Violeta Magayaga and Tan Tuang Hong owned the warehouse. NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco said Zetetic (Far East) Inc., the firm representing Skecher in the country, complained about the fake products. Wycoco said appropriate charges would be filed against the warehouse owners. *Jerome Aning*

MMDA: Tow . . .

From page A25

Manila's sidewalks of all obstructions so pedestrians can use the sidewalks again. He had said the traffic situation had gone from bad to worse because pedestrians took up part of the street that vehicles should be using.

In another bid to ease the traffic congestion, the MMDA is set to implement this week a no-left-turn policy on Edsa.

According to MMDA Traffic Operations Center Director Ernesto Camarillo, the agency will implement the policy at selected intersections on Edsa as soon as the road signs have been completed.

The first areas to be affected are the Kamuning and Timog intersections on Edsa, according to Camarillo.

He said in the same radio program that motorists could use other streets instead of turning left on Edsa, adding that the MMDA would open up secondary roads if needed.

He cited as example Espa¤a in Sampaloc, Manila, where motorists are not allowed to make left turns. Instead, vehicles on Espa¤a must turn right on side streets if they want to get to the other side of the road.

Manila's Finest back Aglipay

'Floating' Maganto asks to be reinstated

By Jerome Aning and Leila Salaverria

DISMISSED Metro Manila police chief Gen. Edgardo Aglipay yesterday received unexpected but bittersweet support from the Manila's Finest Brotherhood Association, with whom he had earlier clashed over discipline.

But the group lamented that Aglipay remembers due process now only because he is the one affected by its absence.

Also yesterday, Chief Supt. Romeo Maganto, who has been on floating status for the past two years, took advantage of the relief of police officials and asked President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to reinstate him to any position in the police force.

MFBA vice president and spokesman SPO1 Antonio Emmanuel said Aglipay "forgot due process" when he transferred hundreds of Manila policemen to faraway provinces for not joining roll-call formations and wearing proper uniform.

"In the past, General Aglipay forgot that we low-ranking cops also deserve due process," Emmanuel told the INQUIRER. "It's ironic that he only remembers it now because he's the one affected (by its absence)."

Aglipay was one of seven high-ranking police officials relieved last week by Interior Secretary Jose Lina for their alleged failure to stop illegal gambling in their jurisdiction. The relief order still needs the approval of the Commission on Elections.

AGLIPAY

MAGANTO

Despite the MFBA's past feud with Aglipay, Emmanuel said the group believes that Lina should have observed due process before he sacked the seven police officials.

"We support the police officials in their struggle to get due process, even if some of them do not observe it," Emmanuel said.

He said the relief of the officials gave MFBA members "a sense of equality" because all of them now have become "victims of the absence of due process."

He noted that when Lina explained his controversial order, the DILG secretary used the term "managerial prerogative." Aglipay also used this catch phrase when he ordered the transfer of members of the Western Police District who were late or absent in formations or wore improper uniform.

In a paid advertisement yesterday, Maganto lamented that he had not been offered any position despite several revamps in the national police. "Surely, there is a position or an assignment for an officer of my caliber," Maganto said in his open letter to the President.

He said the two years he has been on floating status has been "too long a time to wait for the realization that I'd be back in action."

Vowing loyalty to the President, Maganto said: "I know I can contribute substantially to the peace and order in the Republic that I have served for 29 years with an unblemished record."

He said he was "a victim of political maneuverings, or intrigues and power play of those who are right now in power.

Maganto said he had performed well in his field and had in fact stood behind Ms Macapagal in Edsa 2 even when he owed much to deposed president Joseph Estrada.

"Madam President, may I humbly call to mind that during those times, I was ready to face any consequence, regardless of what price I had to pay," he said.

Maganto said he almost lost a leg in a bloody 1989 coup against the Aquino administration, and now walks with a limp.

In Valenzuela City, the police chief, Senior Supt. Leopoldo Ureña, on Friday accused Aglipay of making a "sacrificial lamb" out of him to justify his war against jueteng in Metro Manila. He also questioned Aglipay's decision to relieve him simultaneously with Aglipay's own relief.

Ureña said he was denied due process.

With Tina Santos

Canteen food downs 300 Manila pupils

By Philip C. Tubeza

MORE THAN 300 pupils of the Thomas Earnshaw Elementary School in Punta, Sta. Ana, Manila were brought to different hospitals over the weekend due to food poisoning.

The suspect: food sold at the school canteen.

A total of 233 students of the school on A. Bautista Street were treated at the Philippine General Hospital and the Ospital ng Maynila for acute gastroenteritis, said investigator SPO1 Patrick de Leon of the Sta. Ana police station.

As of yesterday afternoon, 12 children were still being treated at the Ospital ng Maynila, De Leon said.

Manila City Hall put the number of stricken children at 300 while the education department had a higher figure, 355.

De Leon said the police invited for questioning teacher Adina Guinsaya, the school canteen manager, and her helpers Teresita Moreno and Lyn Quisala.

The policeman said the students complained of dizziness and vomiting. Barangay councilor Gloria de la Cruz asked for police assistance late Saturday night, he said.

"We had to ask for help from (the WPD) headquarters," De Leon said. "Our mobile (patrol) cars had to make several trips to bring the children to the hospitals."

The children apparently ate the suspected food on Friday, he said.

De Leon said policemen took samples of the canteen food — spaghetti, salad, sandwiches, and pineapple juice – for testing at the National Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Food and Drugs.

POISONING fears bring parents and their children to the Ospital ng Maynila. JESS YUSON

₱2M red wines missing

By Philip C. Tubeza

MANILA policemen are hunting down two men suspected of running away with P2 million worth of imported red wine last week.

Truck driver Cipriano Lemos and his helper Dionisio Gayran drove off with a 20-foot container van carrying 841 cases of M. Chapoutire and Joseph Droohin red wine, said investigator PO3 Gordius Alumbro of the Western Police District theft and robbery section.

The two men did not deliver the container to its owner, Luzon Resort in Makati City, said PO3 Alumbro.

He said the bottles of wine were supposed to be delivered Wednesday night but Lemos did not immediately leave the Manila International Container Port for Makati because of the truck ban.

The two men instead went to a parking lot in Tondo and waited for the end of the truck ban.

Alumbro said the container, pulled by an Isuzu truck, left the parking lot about 9 p.m.

Officials of Luzon Resort waited for the truck but it did not come, the investigator said.

After a long wait, Luzon Resort vice president for finance Prendo Stuart Rosario, 27, reported the incident to the WPD headquarters.

Couple robbed on way to church

SEVEN MEN robbed Reynaldo and Lynette Acosta of P26,000 at gunpoint as they were walking to church before dawn yesterday in Malate, Manila, and escaped in a light brown Mitsubishi Lancer (PEE-226), said investigator SPO1 Emmanuel Lopez of the Western Police District theft and robbery section.

Reynaldo, 35, an accountant, said he lost a P1,500 wristwatch, six prepaid cell phone cards worth P1,800, and P700 in cash. Lynette, 27, a shipping firm accounting assistant, said she lost P14,000 in cash, an 18-karat gold bracelet worth P3,500, a P2,500 gold necklace with a pendant, and a wristwatch worth P2,000.

The policeman said they were also investigating an unidentified man whom the Acostas saw standing outside their home when they went out to go to church.

Philip C. Tubeza

Jancom . . .

From page A25

3,000 tons of Metro Manila's garbage had met with opposition since it requires the use of incinerators. Jancom, however, had expressed willingness to downgrade its operations and use sanitary landfills instead.

Former MMDA Chair Benjamin Abalos, now Commission on Elections chair, had asked the Department of Justice for an opinion on whether it is within Jancom's contract to downgrade operations. The DOJ has yet to give its opinion.

The environmental group Greenpace International had urged MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando to implement the Solid Waste Management Act to solve the garbage problem.

Alegre said the Jancom letter to the mayors explained that the tipping fee that Jancom requires for every metric ton of garbage collected is just $20.40, which he said is much lower than the $23.85 the MMDA is spending. Tipping refers to the tilting of the truck when dumping trash.

The Jancom deal stipulates that the cities pay a tipping fee to the contractor for every ton of garbage collected.

Alegre said the Jancom technology would ensure proper waste disposal using sanitary landfills, with an impenetrable lining system and a facility for collecting and treating leachate, among other features.

He said they have already targeted two sites for the sanitary landfills.

He expressed support for Fernando's stand that recycling is not the answer to the garbage crisis.

"There has been little success in efforts to recycle trash," said Alegre, adding that recycling reduces but does not eliminate waste.

"It's not a permanent disposal system," he said of recycling.

'Iris' an amazing, touching romance

KATE WINSLET as the young Iris Murdoch.

DAME JUDI Dench as the ailing Iris.

IRIS Murdoch and John Bayley were two very lucky people for they were blessed with enduring love. Their love, which will last longer than their own lifetimes, is depicted in the movie "Iris."

"Iris" chronicles the powerful love story of British novelist and philosopher Iris Murdoch and her husband, literary critic John Bayley. The film is based on Bayley's lovingly crafted memoirs, "Iris: A Memoir" and "Elegy for Iris."

The first offering for July of ArtFilm Greenbelt stars Judi Dench (Iris), Kate Winslet (young Iris), Jim Broadbent (Bayley) and Hugh Bonneville (young Bayley).

The couple's romance spans more than 40 years, despite their disparate personalities. At the start, Iris was the older, wilder, worldlier woman of many lovers and John was the naïve, sensitive 29-year-old virgin.

The story is also about marriage and how great love can help people cope with time, weakness, misery and solitude.

Murdoch, often dubbed "the most brilliant woman in England," was a scholar and professor at Oxford. She was a prolific writer, penning 26 novels in 40 years. In her works, she tackled ethical, moral and philosophical issues coupled with human drama, humor and intellectual depth.

Says Winslet of her role: "When Iris Murdoch was young, she was a fiercely intellectual, deeply passionate, slightly wild, bisexual woman and I just thought, 'What a challenge!'"

Winslet describes the couple as great fun. "Yes, they were fiercely intelligent and yes, they loved serious subjects for debate. But they were also like children. They loved life and living. Iris loved people, women and men, and was such an extreme woman."

For Dench, the relationship of Iris and John was "an amazing love story."

"They were two curiously put-together people who found each other by some wonderful miracle and became an amazing unit," Dench says. "They had an extraordinary relationship and people talk of them always laughing. Apparently you could hear them shrieking with laughter from outside their house. They were like two halves of an apple."

"Iris" bagged the 2001 best supporting actor Oscar for Broadbent, the best actress honor for Dench in the 2001 British Academy Film Awards, the best supporting actress award for Winslet and best supporting actor award for Broadbent in the 2001 Los Angeles Film Critics Association, among others.

The touching romance opens on July 3 only at ArtFilm Greenbelt 1.

'DISKARTE'

'Kuratong Baleleng' meets Daboy

By Juanito J. Cruz
Contributor

REVIEW

THE theme of Maverick Films' "Diskarte" is a question: Does crime pay?

Movies about cops and drug syndicates are a dime a dozen. There's nothing new either about police or military officials who turn out to be crime perpetrators themselves, whether in the movies or in real life.

Is it a case of art imitating life or vice versa? Aren't movies supposed to reflect what is happening in society? "Diskarte" does just that and plays like the current headlines. There are shades of the resurrected Kuratong Baleleng case with some personages altered and fictitious characters and twists thrown in.

Rudy Fernandez, who won the Manila Film Festival best actor award for his performance here, plays an ex-marine who is used by the police in a drug bust but who later becomes the object of a rubout. He is wounded but is able to escape and comes back to claim his part of the loot.

The script by Humilde "Meek" Roxas and Senen Dimaguila makes Rudy mouth some hard-sell slogans like "*Kailangang mapuksa na ang drugs na siyang salot ng lipunan,*" or something to that effect, instead of showing his disdain visually. Film is a visual medium, after all.

Exposure

He does obligatory sex scenes with sexpot Ara Mina, who plays a stripper (a perennial role for bold stars). These scenes, executed in chiaroscuro, will disappoint the moviegoing voyeur since Ara, after being acknowledged as Chuck Mathay's daughter, had promised to tone down her sexy scenes, although there's still a brief boobs exposure here.

It's a very different Ara playing in this film. She shows restraint in her acting, especially in her crying scene, when she recognizes her sister's remains in the morgue after the sister is killed by the drug syndicate. This could have been a turning point in Ara's career, if only the role were meatier.

Joonee Gamboa, one of our enduring and dependable character actors, plays a good samaritan who nurses Rudy to health. It is a role that Gamboa sleepwalks through and is certainly not worthy of a best supporting actor trophy, which is what the Manila filmfest gave him.

Menggie Cobarrubias' character as leader of the double-crossers has a more complete dimension and is made even more lifelike and comic by showing that he suffers from diarrhea as a physical manifestation of his fear of death.

Villains

Tirso Cruz III plays a very human police officer who heads the syndicate and gets the bulk of the drug money. He showers affection on his young daughter, throws a party on her birthday, gives syndicate money as ransom to get her back, then shoots himself after he is indicted because his daughter can no longer be proud of him. Would that real-life personalities do the same!

Newcomer Karen Montelibano shows promise as a budding sex siren with her topless exposures, and also acquits herself in her dramatic scenes.

Give it to Roy Alvarez when you need a menacing, albeit aging, villain. Here he is a drug syndicate leader who beds Karen but ruthlessly gets her killed just so he could get back at Rudy.

Alvin Anson, playing one of Rudy's ex-marine pals, has difficulty saying casual lines. He makes them sound heavy.

"Diskarte" is technically well-crafted. The cinematography and editing complement each other especially in the well-executed and choreographed slam-bang action scenes. The pacing is fast and has a Hollywood feel to it.

Film noir

The movie has a film noir look to it. The genre is usually associated with detective stories, where the bone of contention is that this is a corrupt society but amidst all this is an upright man who comes from the working class. The photographic style consists of light and shadow, events mostly happen at night, and it's almost always raining.

Well, not all of these ingredients are present in "Diskarte," but the movie does present a very vicious world, where even the do-gooders partake of evil money. Most scenes do take place at night and there is a semblance of chiaroscuro photography.

This marks Rudy's return after some years of absence from the movies, and it's a good choice, some notches above the usual action films. The director is Edgardo "Boy" Vinarao, Rudy F's lucky charm, who also directed him in his award-winning performance in "Birador."

The opening accompaniment excites and the use of classical music in the sequence in Joonee's refuge for Rudy exudes a touch of class unusual for action films, although it gives you a feeling that it's been done before.

July 2002 Promo of the Month
July 1 to 31, 2002

PRICE-OFF SPECIALS
SIGURADONG GAMOT NA
ABOT KAYA PA
mercury drug

MID YEAR SPECIAL

Price-Off Up To 25% Discount On Participating Products

VITAMINS & MULTIVITAMINS

Vits A 4,000iu, D3 400iu, E 200iu, C 100mg, B1 2mg B2 2mg, B6 2mg, B12 1mcg, nicotinamide 20mg

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
REGERON - C SYR 120ML	111.00	100.00

Retinol palmitate 2,500iu, cholecalciferol 400iu, thiamine HCL 5mg, riboflavin- 5 -phosphate pyridoxine HCl 2.5mg, cynocobalamin 5ug, nicotinamide 20mg, Ca pantothenate 10mg, ascorbic acid 60mg, L - lysine monoHCL 200mg.

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
REGERON VITA SYR 120ML	105.00	94.50

Vit B1 300mg, vit B6 100mg, vit B12 100ug.

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
• MEGANERV - 300 CAP	10.25	9.25

Vits E 200mg, B6 10mg, B12 10ug, niacinamide 10mg, vits B1 10mg, B2 5mg, Ca pantothenate 5mg, vit C 50mg, Fe sulphate 54.4mg (equiv to 20mg elem Fe).

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
• MEGANERV - E CAP	8.70	7.85

Ca pantothenate 5mg, folic acid 250ug, l - lysine Mono HCl 200mg, niacinamide 20mg, vits A 2,500iu, B1 2.5mg, B12 4ug, B2 2.5mg, B6 2.5mg, C 60mg, D 500iu

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
• MACROBEE W/LYSINE SYR 50MG 120ML	117.75	106.00

Vits A 2,500iu, D3 200iu, E 10iu, B1 5mg, B2 2mg, B6 2mg, B12 1ug, C 60mg, nicotinamide 20mg, folic acid 200ug, leucine 10mg, isoleucine 5mg, lysine HCl 20mg, phenylalanine 5mg, threonine 5mg, valine 5mg, trytophan 5mg, dL - methionine 10mg.

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
AMINO VITA SOFTGEL CAP	8.30	7.50

L- lysine monoHCL 200mg, vits B1 2.5mg, B2 2.5mg, B6 2.5mg, B12 4ug, C 60mg, niacinamide 20mg, Ca 20mg, Ca pantothenate 5mg, folic acid 250ug, Fe sulfate (hydrous) 100mg (equiv elem Fe 20mg)

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
MOLVITE W IRON SYR 120ML	157.75	142.00

Vit B1 100mg, vit B12 50ug, vit B6 5mg.

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
POLYNERV SYR 60ML	80.25	72.25
POLYNERV SYR 120ML	111.75	100.50

Vit B1 250mg, vit B12 1,000ug, vit B6 250mg.

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
• POLYNERV - 1000 CAP	11.25	10.25

Vit B1 500mg, vit B12 1,000ug, vit B6 250mg.

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
• POLYNERV - 500 CAP	18.25	16.50

Siberian Ginseng 100mg, lecithin 20mg, vits C 75mg, E 75mg, other vit, minerals & essential substances

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
LEGINSOL - E CAP	14.50	13.00

Syr: Ca pantothenate 10mg; lysine HCL 150mg, niacinamide 7mg, vits A 4,000iu, B1 5mg, B12 10ug, B2 4mg, B6 5mg, c 50mg, D 400iu. Drops: Lysine HCl 20MG, niacinamide 5mg, vits A 3,000iu, B1 2mg, B12 2ug, B2 1.5mg, B6 2mg, C 15mg, D3 300u.

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
LEGINSOL VITA SYR 60ML	64.25	58.00
LEGINSOL VITA SYR 120ML	98.00	88.25
LEGINSOL VITA DROPS 15ML	54.50	49.00

Ascorbic Acid

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
CEELIN DRP 100MG/ML 15ML	61.40	58.35
CEELIN DRP 100MG/ML 30ML	86.85	82.50
CEELIN SYR 100MG 120ML	109.00	103.75
CEELIN SYR 100MG 250ML	172.50	164.00
ESVICEE SYR 100MG/5ML 120ML	86.00	77.50

Lysine 25mg, niacin 15mg, taurine 25mg, vits B1 1mg, B2 1mg, B6 0.5mg, D 1000iu, (as palmitate & B - carotene) 2,000iu.

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
GROWEE SYR 120ML	123.75	117.75
GROWEE SYR 250ML	186.50	177.25
GROWEE SYR 60ML	68.40	65.00

Vits A 5,000iu, B1 2.5mg, B2 2.5mg, B6 2mg, B12 16.66ug, C 83.33mg, D3 333.33iu, nicotinamide 16.66mg.

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
NUTRILIN DROPS 15ML	46.25	44.00
NUTRILIN DROPS 30ML	71.00	67.50

Ca pantothenate 20mg, copper sulfate 2mg, elemental iodine 0.15mg, elemental Fe 12mg, Mg carbonate 65mg, niacinamide 100mg, vits A 10,000u, B1 10mg, B12 5ug, B6 5mg, C 200mg, D 400u, E 15iu, Zn sulfate 1.5mg.

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
THERAGRAN - M TAB	14.25	10.75

Vit B1 100mg, vit B12 5ug, vit B6 20mg

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
• PHAREX VIT B1+B6+B12 TAB	2.00	1.90

ANTIANEMICS/ PRE & POST NATAL VITAMINS

Fe fumarate (elemental Fe 82.5mg)250mg, vit C 100mg, Ca pantothenate 20mg, manganese sulfate 0.2mg, copper sulfate 0.2mg, folic acid, 1,000ug, vit B12 50ug.

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
• MACROBEE W/IRON CAPLET	10.00	9.00

CHOLAGOGUES, CHOLELITHOLYTICS & HEPATIC PROTECTORS

Silymarina 175mg, pyridoxine HCl 5mg, thiamine HCl 5mg, cyanocobalamin 20ug, nicotinamide 20mg, Ca pantothenate 20mg lecithin 50mg.

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
• LIVERINE CAP	20.10	18.00

GROWING UP/ FOLLOW ON FORMULA

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
ANCHOR 1 + G - UP MLK PDR 180G	53.25	51.50
ANCHOR 1 + G - UP MLK PDR 1KG	274.50	266.25
ANCHOR 1 + G - UP MLK PDR 450G	132.75	128.75
ANCHOR FC PDR MLK 1800G	390.25	370.75
ANCHOR FC PDR MLK 2.5KG	541.00	514.00
ANCHOR FC PDR MLK 800G	180.00	174.50
BEAR BRAND PDR FMLK 180G	29.75	28.50
BEAR BRAND PDR FMLK 1.8G	281.50	270.25
BEAR BRAND PDR FMLK 400G	65.50	63.00
BEAR BRAND PDR MLK 800G	126.75	121.75
BEAR BRAND PDR MLK 900G	143.75	138.00
HI - NULAC F - ON MLK 1000G	449.25	426.75
HI - NULAC F - ON MLK 400G	200.00	190.00
NESLAC G - UP MLK W/BIFID 1KG	378.75	363.75
NESLAC G - UP PDR MLK 1KG	317.00	304.50
NESLAC G - UP PDR MLK 200G	64.25	61.75
NESLAC G - UP PDR MLK 2KG	581.50	558.25
NIDO FORTIFIED PDR MLK 1KG	274.50	263.75
NIDO FORTIFIED PDR MLK 2KG	549.00	527.00
NIDO PDR MLK 1800G	390.50	375.00
NIDO PDR MLK 200G	46.00	44.25
NIDO PDR MLK 450G	100.25	96.25
NIDO PDR MLK 900G	200.00	192.00
NIDO PDR MLK TIN 2500G	541.00	519.50
UCARE 123 PDR MLK 180G	44.50	43.00
UCARE 123 PDR MLK 450G	108.50	103.25

CHOCOLATE POWDER MIX

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
MILO REF PCK 200G	26.50	25.50
MILO REF PCK 300G	38.00	36.50

NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENT

Carbohydrate 39g, fat 3g, protein 14g, lysine 1,200mg, vit A 700iu, B - carotene 333iu, choline 30mg, inositol 51mg, taurine 6mg, iodine 60ug, thiamine 540ug, riboflavin 810ug, vit B6 1,002ug, niacine 8.5mg, pantothenic acid 1,800mg, biotin 27ug, Ca 500mg, phosphorus 390mg, vit D 130iu, folic acid 105ug, vits B12 1.5ug, K 35ug, cooper 0.69mg, Fe 5.1mg, Mg 63mg, manganese 0.6mg, lecithin 194mg, Na 180mg, Cl 300mg, K 660mg, vits C 60mg, E 18iu, Zn 5mg, Energy: 240 kCal.

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
ENERVON 33 CHOCOMLK 1000G	246.25	234.00
ENERVON 33 CHOCOMLK 400G	104.25	99.00

Protein 90g, carbohydrate 260g, fat 20g, minerals 22g, vits A 8,800iu, D 352iu, C 440mg, E 8.8ug, B1 22mg, B2 8.8 mg, B6 4.4mg, B12 8.8ug, Ca pantothenate 35.2mg, nicotinamide 88mg, choline 271mg, Ca 3.2g, phosphorus 2.5g, Fe 13.2mg, Na 1.2, K 4g, Cl 2.1g, Energy: 1500 kCal.

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
ENERVON HP PCH 1000G	218.25	205.50

	Reg. Price	PAY ONLY
MELATONIN - T	11.75	10.50
OMEGA BLOC SOFTGEL 1000MG	9.25	8.30
ADD LIFE COQ10 CAP 30MG	18.50	17.50
TRIANON AVERA AGEL 5000MG	10.75	9.65
TRIANON COQ10 CAP 10MG	12.00	10.80
TRIANON COQ10 CAP 30MG	28.00	25.25
TRIANON GNSNG+RYAL JELLY CAP	12.75	11.50
TRIANON NUTRIBEE CAP 500MG	9.25	8.30
TRIANON SHRK CRTLGE CAP 750MG	20.75	18.65
TRIANON SHRK VROIL SGEL 400MG	8.25	7.50

• Available only upon presentation of physician's prescription(Rx)
Per DOH-BFAD PERMIT NO. 0527 S. 2002

For other promo, pls. visit our website at: www.mercurydrug.com
e-mail: info@mercurydrug.com

mercury drug
NAKASISIGURO, GAMOT AY LAGING BAGO

Things go from bad to worse on 'The Weakest Link'

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

POOR **Edu Manzano**. He must have been looking forward so much to resuming work on his sidelined "The Weakest Link" quiz show on IBC-13! But his zest quickly crumbled during the first week of new episodes, due to the low scores racked up by its groups of contestants.

The first batch was made up of singers, but it quickly became apparent that they weren't in tune with the program, or with each other.

The following evening, things went from bad to worse, and Edu's impatience with the contestants' low scores after each round increased. Edu, the stylish dresser and snooty, above-it-all quizmaster, looked positively frazzled and *aburido* by the time the telecast ended!

The contestants also got on each other's nerves. One very weak link didn't get a single answer right during one round, and was thus booted out by her teammates. Instead of accepting their decision with grace, she turned it into a gender issue and insisted that the guys had ganged up on her because she was a woman.

Last June 24, more singers competed on the show, but they didn't do much better than the first batch. An oldtimer was quickly booted out after the first round because he couldn't seem to get anything right.

Another contestant thought that **Pavarotti** was a soprano, not a tenor! Did he think "she" was a bearded lady? Or was it possible that he didn't even know who Pavarotti was? But how could this be, when the contestant himself was in the music business?

Things got so bad that Edu dropped his snooty pose and pleaded for the contestants to stop punishing him (and the audience) so cruelly. He bleated in unfeigned distress, "I've run out of time—and out of patience. And my migrane's come back!"

The contestant's mistakes were good for a number of boob-tube booboos, though. (Masochistically), please enjoy:

Edu: *Ano ang kulay ng tinta ng* red ballpen?

Contestant: Black!

(No, red!)

* * *

Edu: *Ano ang iyong relasyon sa ama ng iyong ama?*

Contestant: Uh, pass...

(*Lolo*!)

* * *

Edu: *Ano ang binabayaran sa isang* electric bill?

Contestant: Bill!

(No, the electricity consumed!)

* * *

Edu: *Ang sasakyan sa Pilipinas ba ay* right—or left-hand drive?

Contestant: Right-hand!

(No, left!)

* * *

Edu: *Ilang linggo meron sa* month of June?

Contestant: 30!

(No, *apat lang*.)

* * *

Edu: How many sides does an octagon have?

Contestant: Five!

(No, eight.)

* * *

Edu: *Anong uri ng hayop ang* guinea pig?

Contestant: *Baboy*!

(The right answer, of course, is rodent.)

* * *

Edu: *Saan takot ang taong may* bibliophobia?

Contestant: Traveling?

(No, books.)

* * *

That particular telecast ended on a really low note when a contestant who was kicked out for answering a number of questions incorrectly bitchily sniffed, "*Mananalo si* (name of another contestant), *kasi kailangan niya ng pera. Kung may maaaabuloy nga ako . . .*"

Was the losing contestant only "joking?" If so, it was a really bad joke that nobody found funny.

We're glad that "The Weakest Link" has resumed telecasting new episodes, but something must really be done about getting better-informed contestant to join the show. Quizmaster Edu Manzano is still doing good work, but most of the contestants are truly the program's weakest links.

She's still not a lead star, but Glenda's happy

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

VIEWERS loathed her as the scheming Leona in the now-defunct afternoon soap series, "Valiente." Her colorful characterization earned her not only acting nominations but also recognition that is elusive to many stars.

No wonder **Glenda Garcia** is raring to do another *contravida* role on TV. She appeared in other soaps like "Anna Luna," "Kirara" and "Sa Dulo ng Walang Hanggan," but her roles there didn't come close to the despicable Leona.

"I want something like that again," Glenda says. "I find challenge in doing a *contravida* role. You can play around with the character."

Glenda entered the business in 1989 when she was only 19. She didn't have a formidable show biz background, only that she is the younger sister of actress **Melissa Mendez**.

"*Ate* Melissa inspired, encouraged and motivated me to try acting, too," shares Glenda, the fourth of five children, the eldest of whom is Melissa.

"I used to tag along with her," she says of her *ate*. "Eventually, I got to like what she was doing."

The late comedian-TV host **Ike Lozada** gave Glenda her screen name.

Early on in her career, she proved she had what it takes to be in show biz. In the 1989 Star Awards for TV of the Philippine Movie Press Club (PMPC), she was named most promising TV personality. In the succeeding years, she also earned best actress nominations in the Star Awards for "Valiente" and "Anna Luna."

She was a freshman in dentistry proper at Centro Escolar University when she joined show biz. Due to her show biz commitments, she shifted to mass communications.

"I didn't regret that," she says. "I enjoy what I'm doing. I love the job not just because of the fame and the money it gives. It's also fun."

Most people who meet her in person note that Glenda looks mature for her age on TV. "I take that as a compliment," she says.

Like all show biz newcomers, Glenda, who is being managed by **Angge Lee**, once dreamed of playing the lead.

"I'm happy with the way my career is going now," she says. "Even when I play support, I get memorable and meaty roles. You can be recognized even when you play support. But of course, I want to win an acting award."

GARCIA

She recently faced a new challenge when she accepted the role of mother to teen star **Pia Borromeo** in ABS-CBN's youth drama, "K2BU" (Saturday, 3:30 p.m.) **Rez Cortez** plays her husband in the weekly series which replaced "G-mik."

"I've accepted the fact that I can't do *bagets* roles anymore," she says. "I don't want to go sexy *naman*. I didn't think twice about doing a mother role. A weekly show is good exposure."

Glenda is one of the few stars who manage to separate their career from their private life. After more than a decade in the business, she has yet to experience bad press.

"I'm just a simple person who values my privacy," she says. "I don't discuss my private life with other people. When there's a write-up about me that is not true, I just keep quiet. I don't let it affect me. I consciously stay away from intrigues or *gulo*."

After she got seriously involved with actor **John Regala**, Glenda now prefers a non-show biz guy.

"Not that I have regrets about that relationship, but I think there's less pressure if the guy is not from show biz," she explains.

Like any other woman, Glenda also dreams of settling down, but she is not in a hurry. She wants someone who is responsible and financially stable.

"I want a good life," she maintains.

She says she is now involved with a businessman who is very supportive of her career.

Program ratings

A GMA Network statement says the public affairs programs of the network are besting their counterparts in ABS-CBN.

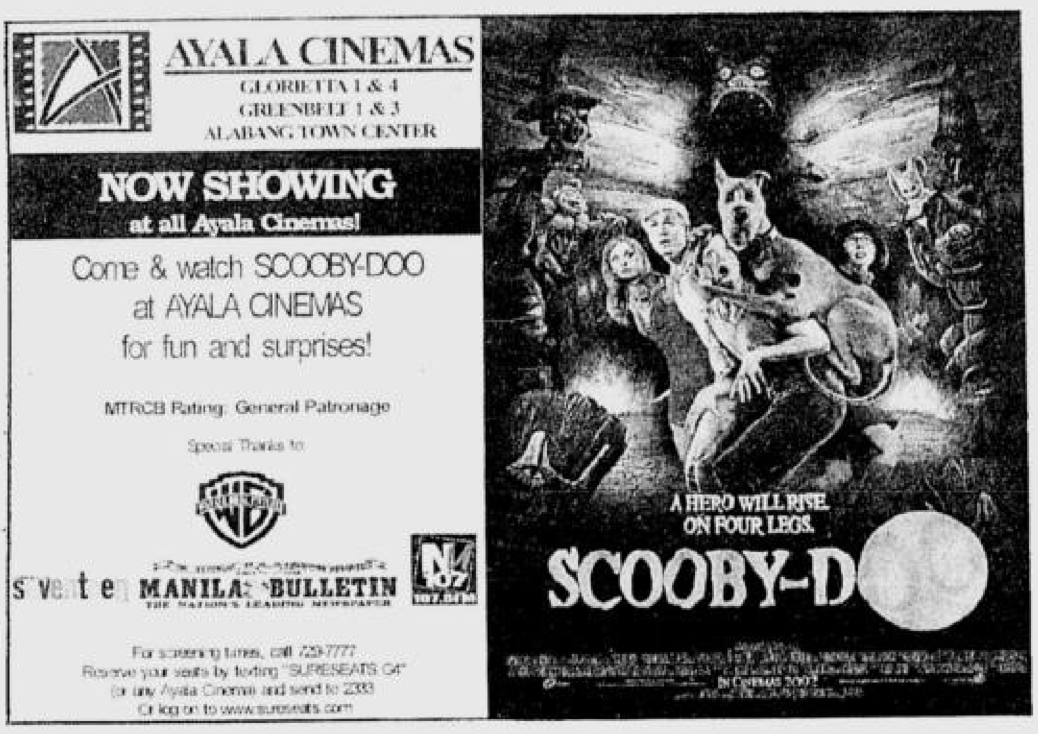
In the latest survey results from AGB Philippines based on the average daily program ratings for the second quarter, "I-Witness" rated 11 percent versus "The Correspondents," which posted a 10 percent rating. The survey was from April to June 15.

"Jessica Soho Reports" bested "Private Conversations with **Boy Abunda**," 10 percent against 8 percent.

"Emergency," hosted by **Arnold Clavio**, was ahead of "True Crime (Producer's Cut)," 11 percent versus 10 percent.

The survey shows that GMA 7's strategy of dubbing Hollywood movies in Filipino on "GMA's Best" is apparently paying off. Ratings-wise, the primetime movie block was ahead of "FPJ Action Cinema" last June 10. The episode, which featured "Homeward Bound 2," registered a rating of 29 percent against the 25 percent rating of the slot for the movies of action king **Fernando Poe Jr.**

"Pinoy Blockbuster" on Saturdays earned 21 percent, besting "Klasmeyts" with 20 percent and "Kakasa Ka Ba?" with 15 percent.



AYALA CINEMAS
GLORIETTA 1 & 4
GREENBELT 1 & 3
ALABANG TOWN CENTER

NOW SHOWING
at all Ayala Cinemas!

Come & watch SCOOBY-DOO
at AYALA CINEMAS
for fun and surprises!

MTRCB Rating: General Patronage

Special Thanks to

seventeen MANILA BULLETIN THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

For screening times, call 729-7777
Reserve your seats by texting "SURESEATS G4"
(or any Ayala Cinema and send to 2333
Or log on to www.sureseats.com

A HERO WILL RISE ON FOUR LEGS.
SCOOBY-DOO
IN CINEMAS 2002

THE WORLD IS WATCHING

THE DREAM GAME

LIVE ON DREAM CH. 42

2002 FIFA World Cup Finals

BRAZIL vs. GERMANY
Sunday, June 30, 7:00 p.m.

Join the Dream parties in the following areas:
• Rockwell Centre, Makati City
• Burnham Park, Baguio City
• Fiesta Mall, Lipa City
• Olongapo Midnite Rambler, Nat'l Highway, Olongapo City

FREE ADMISSION • LIVE TELECAST • LIVE BAND

The fun starts at 5:00 p.m.

You can also watch the 2002 FIFA World Cup Finals at these authorized DREAM commercial establishments:

For subscription inquiries,call
(02) 918-8000

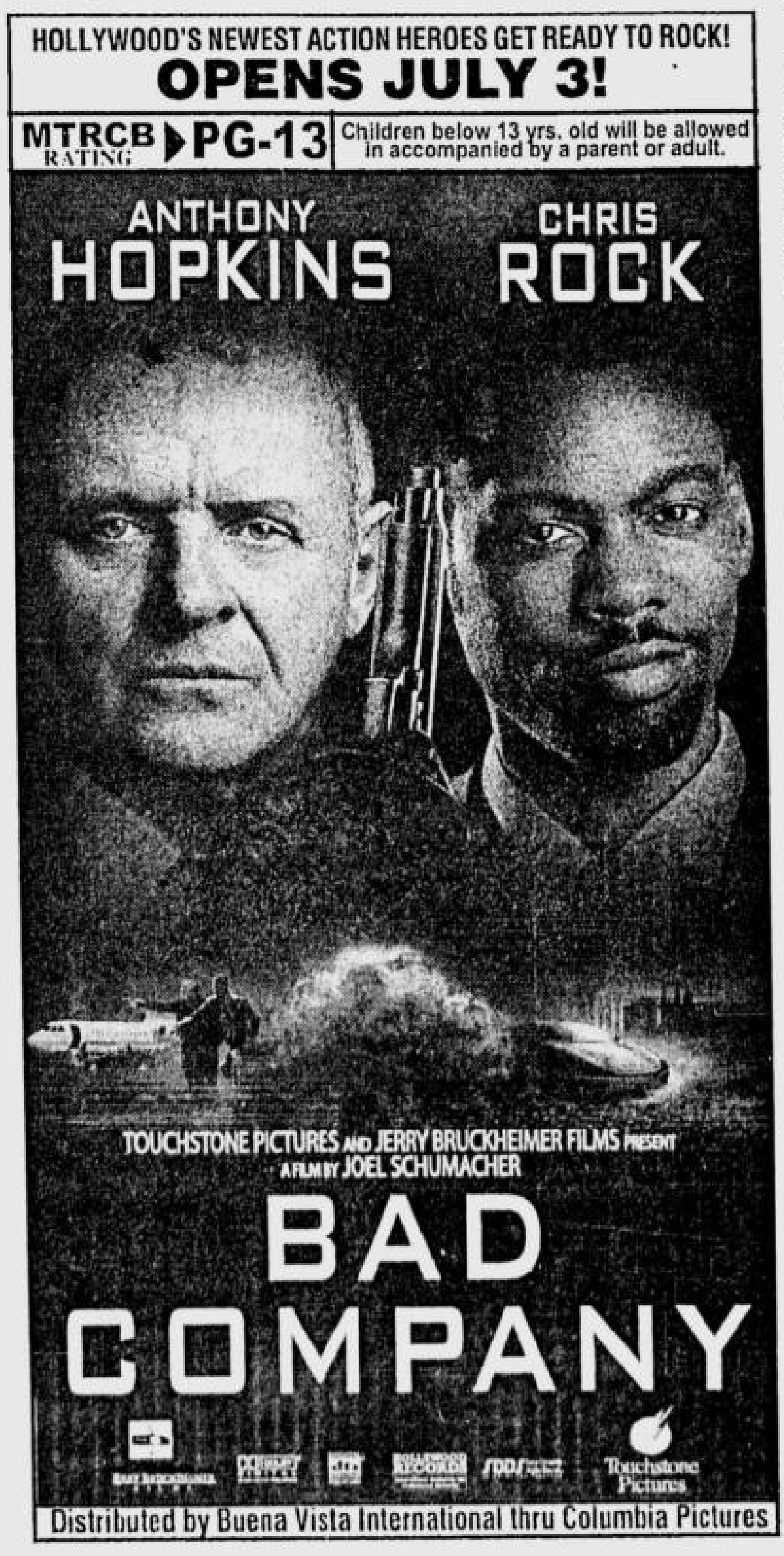
Mikey-Angela wedding on 'Working President'

THIS week's episode of "The Working President" features the wedding of presidential son and Pampanga Vice Gov. Mikey Arroyo and Angela Montenegro in Lubao, Pampanga. The highlights of the wedding will be seen in the "Focus" segment.

"Sa Atin Ito" presents young star host Jolina Magdangal talking with general manager Edgardo Manda of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport. Jolina shares with viewers the Naia Authority programs on airport security and safety.

The other features are "Weekend Review" and "Vigilantxt," which will relate the story of Evelyn Bantugon and how her case was handled by Text GMA of the Presidential Action Center (Pace).

"The Working President" is produced by the Office of the Press Secretary. It is shown throughout the week on different channels: Friday on NBN 4, 7-8 p.m.; Saturday, ANC 21, 8-9 a.m., IBC 13, 12 noon to 1 p.m., Home Cable Channel 11, 5-6 p.m., and RPN 9, 11 p.m. to midnight; Monday, Destiny Cable Channel 56, 11 p.m. to midnight; with replays on Tuesday on RPN 9, 10-11 a.m. and Destiny Cable Channel 56, 7:30-8:30 p.m. and again on Thursday on RPN 9, 10-11 a.m.



HOLLYWOOD'S NEWEST ACTION HEROES GET READY TO ROCK!
OPENS JULY 3!
MTRCB RATING ▶PG-13 Children below 13 yrs. old will be allowed in accompanied by a parent or adult.

ANTHONY HOPKINS CHRIS ROCK

TOUCHSTONE PICTURES AND JERRY BRUCKHEIMER FILMS PRESENT
A FILM BY JOEL SCHUMACHER
BAD COMPANY

Distributed by Buena Vista International thru Columbia Pictures

Making wishes . . .

From page A31

vived the pain of separation and heartbreak, we eventually reach the point when we can smile and laugh again at the crazy things we did for the sake of love. I know that I can be the most carefree with my laughter when I think of what used to make me cry, because I've proven to myself how far I've managed to move on.

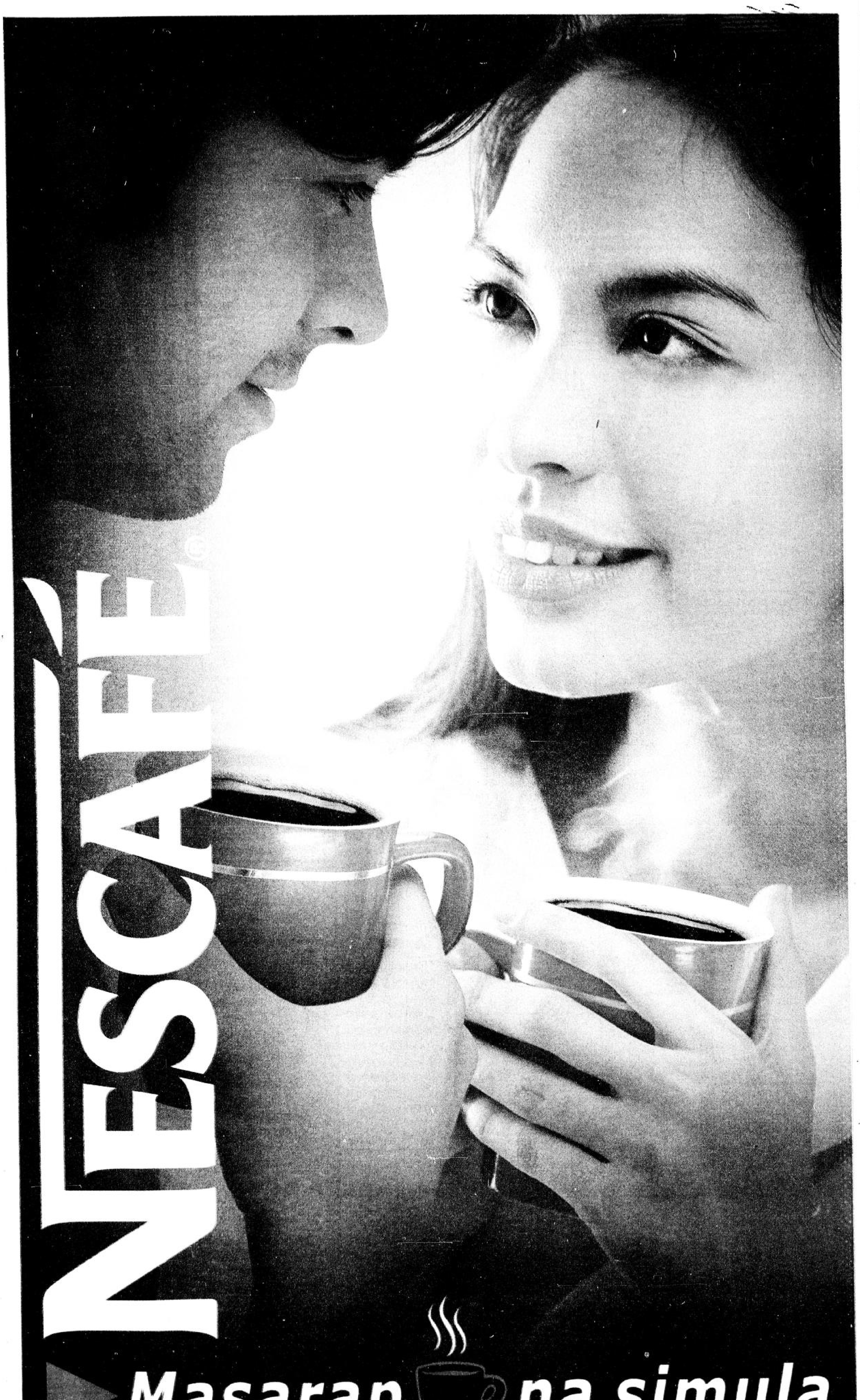
In a manner of speaking, this film is a reconciliation piece. Maverick Films is the production company associated with the Estradas, while Direk Joel was a very vocal voice in Edsa Dos. Added to that is my involvement.

There's no escaping the significance of the people who have been brought together by this movie. Maybe that's what many people overlook: There's permanence in terms of friendship and the value given to past relationships in show business that can and do bridge past political differences.

Maricel, Ai Ai, and I have been through colorful experiences. You'll be kept guessing how much of those will actually make it to the screen.

I'm really excited to be working with two of our most talented actresses. If this is the film that caps my film career, I'm truly a lucky girl!

Our shooting is scheduled to commence in August. The producers are targetting the Metro Manila film festival or a first quarter 2003 playdate.


NESCAFÉ
Masarap na simula

For screening times, call 729-7777.
Schedules are subject to change without prior notice.

AYALA CINEMAS NOW SHOWING

G1 GLORIETTA 1
1 FOREVERMORE
2 THE SUM OF ALL FEARS
3 SCOOBY DOO
4 MINORITY REPORT

G4 GLORIETTA 4
1 SCOOBY DOO
2 FOREVERMORE
3 MINORITY REPORT 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00
4 AMELIE
5 A WALK TO REMEMBER
6 MINORITY REPORT
7 THE SUM OF ALL FEARS

GB1 GREENBELT 1
1 FOREVERMORE
2 CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
3 MINORITY REPORT
[illegible] MARTIN NIEVERA BACK ONSTAGE 9:00 PM July 5 & 6

GB3 GREENBELT 3
1 THE SUM OF ALL FEARS 1:00, 3:35, 6:10, 8:45, 11:20
2 MINORITY REPORT 11:20, 2:20, 5:20, 8:20, 11:20
3 AMELIE 10:50, 1:20, 3:50, 6:20, 8:50, 11:20
4 MONSTER'S BALL 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 11:00
5 SCOOBY DOO 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00

ATC ALABANG TOWN CENTER
1 MINORITY REPORT
2 MINORITY REPORT
3 THE SUM OF ALL FEARS
4 SCOOBY DOO
5 SCOOBY DOO

MMTA
METRO MANILA THEATERS ASSOCIATION

MOVIE GUIDE
NOW SHOWING
EMAIL: mmta@asia.com

Filinvest FESTIVAL CINEMA
(Muntinlupa) tel 850.3571 or 72
1 (DDS) A WALK TO REMEMBER
2 (SDDS) MINORITY REPORT
3 (DTS) SCOOBY DOO
4 GOLD (DTS) MINORITY REPORT
5 GOLD (DOLBY) SCOOBY DOO
6 GOLD (SDDS) MINORITY REPORT
7 GOLD (DOLBY) SUM OF ALL FEARS
8 FOREVERMORE
9 MAGKAPATID
10 FOREVERMORE

Pearl Plaza Cinemas
(Parañaque) tel. 853.4486
1 FOREVERMORE
2 TAMPISAW
3 (DTS) RESERVE
4
5
6 (DTS)
Golden Pearl THX

Masagana CINEMA
(Pasay) tel 833.3274
1 FOREVERMORE
2 MINORITY REPORT
3 TAMPISAW

starmall Movies
(Shaw Blvd.) tel 724.4986
1 FOREVERMORE
2 DISKARTE
3 SELDA
4 (DOLBY DIGITAL) MINORITY REPORT
5 TAMPISAW

METROPOLIS star
tel 850.4285
1 MAGKAPATID
2 TAMPISAW
3 DISKARTE
4 FOREVERMORE
5 SUM OF ALL FEARS
6 MINORITY REPORT
7
8

PREMIERE CINEMA THX
(Makati City) TEL. 751-2010 TO 13
1 MINORITY REPORT

Center Plaza Cinema
(Balanga, Bataan) tel (047) 237.7007
1 DISKARTE
2 I THINK I'M IN LOVE

FCM FAIRVIEW CENTER MALL, INC
tel 930.9515
1 FOREVERMORE
2 TAMPISAW
3 RESERVE

Spring
(Libertad, Pasay City) tel 831.7864
1A FOREVERMORE
A TAMPISAW

Sunshine
(FTI, Taguig) tel 838.4301 loc. 3376
1 MINORITY REPORT
2 FOREVERMORE
3 TAMPISAW
4 DISKARTE

GOTESCO CINEMA

Gotesco City
(Manila) tel 734.8588
1 (DOLBY) FOREVERMORE
2
3
4 TAMPISAW
5 SCOOBY DOO
6 FOREVERMORE
7 (DTS) MINORITY REPORT
8 (SDDS) MINORITY REPORT
9 (DOLBY) SUM OF ALL FEARS

Gotesco Caloocan
tel 362.3508
2 TAMPISAW

Gotesco Grand Central
(Caloocan) tel 364.3781
1 FOREVERMORE
2 FOREVERMORE
3 TAMPISAW
4 (SDDS) MINORITY REPORT
5 SCOOBY DOO
6 (DOLBY) SUM OF ALL FEARS
7 (DTS) MINORITY REPORT
8 DISKARTE
9 MAGKAPATID

Gotesco Commonwealth
tel 951.0083
1 (DTS)
2
3
4 TAMPISAW
5 (SDDS) MINORITY REPORT
6 FOREVERMORE
7 (DOLBY) MINORITY REPORT
8 FOREVERMORE

Gotesco Ortigas
tel 656.6795
1 FOREVERMORE
2 TAMPISAW
3 (DTS) MINORITY REPORT
4 FOREVERMORE
5 (SDDS) MINORITY REPORT

Universal
(Manila) tel 733.2470
1 FOREVERMORE

Sampaguita
(Cubao) tel 911.7888
1 FOREVERMORE

Dilson
(Manila) tel 734.7724
Dilson TAMPISAW
Lords TAMPISAW
Jennet RESERVE

MARKETPLACE
Mandaluyong
tel 533.3851 / 533.3856
1 FOREVERMORE
2 MINORITY REPORT
3 TAMPISAW

Prima
(Pasig) tel 641.1215
3

Isetann Cinerama Complex Recto
SUPER CINERAMA
tel 733.4238
1 (DOLBY) MINORITY REPORT
2 TAMPISAW
3 RESERVE
4 FOREVERMORE
5 RESERVE

New Divisoria Mall
DIVISORIA CINEMA
tel 244.4619
1
2
3
4
5
6

FRC Cinema
Talaba Bacoor Cavite
1 RESERVE
2 TAMPISAW

Berma
TEL. 8792030 / 8792029
1 FOREVERMORE
2 TAMPISAW

CitiMall
(Parañaque) tel 820.7269
1
2

CINEMA 2000

Cinema 2000 Target Mall
(Sta. Rosa Laguna)
tel (049) 534.2185, 534.2198
1 A WALK TO REMEMBER
2 FOREVERMORE
3 (DTS) MINORITY REPORT

Cinema 2000 Waltermart
(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7383
1 FOREVERMORE
2 (DTS) A WALK TO REMEMBER
3 (DOLBY) MINORITY REPORT
4 SUM OF ALL FEARS

Cinema 2000 Pavilion Mall
(Biñan) tel (049) 411.1146
1 FOREVERMORE
2 (DOLBY) A WALK TO REMEMBER
3 (DTS) MINORITY REPORT
4 SCOOBY DOO

Cinema 2000 Cinemagix
(Urdaneta) tel(075) 568.6771
1 DISKARTE
2 FOREVERMORE
3 MINORITY REPORT
4

Cinema 2000 MetroTown
(Tarlac) tel(045) 982.1729
1 FOREVERMORE
2 40 DAYS & 40 NIGHTS
3 (DOLBY) RESIDENT EVIL
4 (DTS) MINORITY REPORT

Lianas Cinema
(Alabang) tel 850.1276
1 (SDDS) MINORITY REPORT
2 TAMPISAW
3 PAMASAK NG BUTAS
4 (DTS) FOREVERMORE

Lianas MovieCity
(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7202
1 (DOLBY) MINORITY REPORT
2 FOREVERMORE
3 (DTS) A WALK TO REMEMBER
4 MAMASAN
5 PAGSALUHAN NATIN

Olivarez Tri-Cinema
(Biñan) tel (049) 511.8883
1 MAGKAPATID
2 FOREVERMORE
3 MAMASAN

Olivarez Los Baños
tel (049) 249-2558
1 SCOOBY DOO
2 FOREVERMORE
3 MAMASAN

Olivarez Tagaytay
tel (046) 413.0311
1 DISKARTE
2 MAGKAPATID
3 MAMASAN

Morales Cinema
(Biñan) tel (049) 511.9736
1
2
3

Cabuyao
(Laguna City) tel (049) 531.4808
1 (DTS) FOREVERMORE
2 (DTS) MINORITY REPORT

Fourstep
(Cavite) tel (046) 416.2385
1 CLOSED

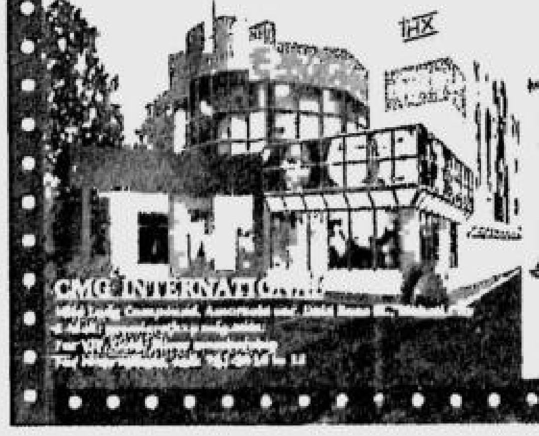
Emperor
(Rosario Cavite) tel (046) 438.1657
1 MAMASAN
2 FOREVERMORE
3 PAGSALUHAN NATIN

Fiesta World Mall
(Lipa) tel (043) 981.0790
1 MINORITY REPORT
2 SCOOBY DOO
3 MAMASAN
4 FOREVERMORE

Jade Cinema
(Angeles City) tel (045) 887.5001 to 03
1 (DOLBY EX) SUM OF ALL FEARS
2 PANIC ROOM
3 (DTS) MINORITY REPORT
4 A WALK TO REMEMBER

*Movies are subject to change without prior notice

ADVANCED SCREENING THX DOLBY dts SDDS



PREMIERE CINEMA NOW SHOWING

TOM CRUISE

A STEVEN SPIELBERG FILM

MINORITY REPORT

SM CINEMA

SM Dial-A-Movie Tel. 633-9999
NOW SHOWING

SM CITY BACOOR
4173069
1 FOREVERMORE
2 MAGKAPATID
3 MINORITY REPORT
4 SCOOBY DOO
5 THE SUM OF ALL FEARS
6 FOREVERMORE
7 TAMPISAW
8 DISKARTE

SM CENTERPOINT
7149522 -7161416
1 FOREVERMORE
2 A WALK TO REMEMBER
3 THE SUM OF ALL FEARS
4 MAGKAPATID
5 MINORITY REPORT
6 DISKARTE
7 MINORITY REPORT
8 TAMPISAW
9 SCOOBY DOO
10 FOREVERMORE

SM CITY FAIRVIEW
9350749
1 40 DAYS & 40 NIGHTS
2 A WALK TO REMEMBER
3 MAGKAPATID
4 MINORITY REPORT
5 SCOOBY DOO
6 FOREVERMORE
7 MINORITY REPORT
8 THE SUM OF ALL FEARS
9 FOREVERMORE
10 TAMPISAW
11 MONSTER'S BALL
12 DISKARTE

SM CITY MANILA
5239240
1 SCOOBY DOO
2 A WALK TO REMEMBER
3 AMELIE
4 MINORITY REPORT
5 THE SUM OF ALL FEARS
6 MINORITY REPORT
7 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
8 TAMPISAW
9 FOREVERMORE
10 MAGKAPATID
11 FOREVERMORE
12 DISKARTE

SM MEGAMALL
6331901 • 6329401
1 MINORITY REPORT
2 A WALK TO REMEMBER
3 SCOOBY DOO
4 MINORITY REPORT
5 MONSTER'S BALL
6 MINORITY REPORT
7 DISKARTE
8 FOREVERMORE
9 FOREVERMORE
10 SUM OF ALL FEARS
11 MAGKAPATID
12 TAMPISAW

SM CITY NORTH EDSA
9295452
1 A WALK TO REMEMBER
2 MINORITY REPORT
3 MAGKAPATID
4 FOREVERMORE
5 FOREVERMORE
6 SCOOBY DOO
7 SUM OF ALL FEARS
8 MINORITY REPORT
9 CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
10 CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
11 CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
12 CLOSED FOR RENOVATION

SM SOUTHMALL
8069888
1 FOREVERMORE
2 A WALK TO REMEMBER
3 MINORITY REPORT
4 SCOOBY DOO
5 TAMPISAW
6 DISKARTE
7 FOREVERMORE
8 THE SUM OF ALL FEARS
9 MAGKAPATID
10 MINORITY REPORT

SM CITY CEBU
2313076
1 MINORITY REPORT
2 THE SUM OF ALL FEARS
3 MONSTER'S BALL
4 MAGKAPATID
5 SCOOBY DOO
6 PAGSALUHAN
7 FOREVERMORE
8 MINORITY REPORT

SM CITY ILOILO
3209422
1 DRAGONFLY
2 CLOSED
3 SCOOBY DOO
4 FOREVERMORE
5 THE SUM OF ALL FEARS
6 MINORITY REPORT
7 CLOSED
8 MAMASAN

SM CITY PAMPANGA
7128015
1 MINORITY REPORT
2 SCOOBY DOO
3 PANIC ROOM
4 MAGKAPATID
5 THE SUM OF ALL FEARS
6 FOREVERMORE

SM SUPER CTR. SUCAT
8294975
1 THE SUM OF ALL FEARS
2 MINORITY REPORT
3 FOREVERMORE
4 SCOOBY DOO

SM CINEMA GUADALUPE
8820994
1 CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
2 CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
3 CLOSED FOR RENOVATION

SM CINEMA TUTUBAN
2514302
1 MINORITY REPORT
2 TAMPISAW
3 SCOOBY DOO
4 FOREVERMORE

SM CITY DAVAO
2976998
1 MINORITY REPORT
2 FOREVERMORE
3 THE SUM OF ALL FEARS
4 FRUIT IS SWELLING
5 FOREVERMORE
6 SCOOBY DOO

SM BICUTAN
1
2
3
4
SOON TO OPEN! 4 NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART VISION & SOUND

SM CITY CAGAYAN DE ORO
1
2
3
4
SOON TO OPEN! 4 NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART VISION & SOUND

THE PODIUM
18 ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City
1 SCOOBY DOO
2 MINORITY REPORT
W/ LATE NIGHT SCREENING ON WEEKENDS 6389781-85

Movies are subject to change without prior notice

MOVIEWORLD CINEMAS
@ Robinsons Malls

NOW SHOWING

Galleria 632-9115-16 633-7641 loc. 279
1 THX MINORITY REPORT
2 MINORITY REPORT
3 SUM OF ALL FEARS
4 SCOOBY DOO
5 FOREVERMORE
6 MINORITY REPORT
7 MAGKAPATID
8 SCOOBY DOO
9 A WALK TO REMEMBER
10 AMELIE

Ermita 536 -7809- 12
1 MINORITY REPORT
2 SUM OF ALL FEARS
3 AMELIE
4 A WALK TO REMEMBER
5 FOREVERMORE
6 SCOOBY DOO
7 MINORITY REPORT

Metro East - Marcos hway 682- 8193 / 8280
1 SUM OF ALL FEARS
2 MINORITY REPORT
3 SCOOBY DOO
4 FOREVERMORE
5 A WALK TO REMEMBER
6 FOREVERMORE
7 MINORITY REPORT
8 MAGKAPATID

Novaliches 935- 3229 - 30
1 MINORITY REPORT
2 MINORITY REPORT
3 SCOOBY DOO
4 MAGKAPATID
5 FOREVERMORE
6 TAMPISAW
7 A WALK TO REMEMBER
8 SUM OF ALL FEARS

Imus 471- 8188 / 875- 3838
1 MINORITY REPORT
2 TAMPISAW
3 SCOOBY DOO
4 SUM OF ALL FEARS
5 FOREVERMORE
6 MAGKAPATID

Bacolod 441- 0453 / 0459
1 MINORITY REPORT
2 SCOOBY DOO
3 FOREVERMORE
4 SUM OF ALL FEARS
5 DRAGONFLY
6 MAGKAPATID

Iloilo 336- 8077 - 78
1 MINORITY REPORT
2 FOREVERMORE
3 DRAGONFLY
4 MAMASAN
5 SCOOBY DOO
6 SUM OF ALL FEARS

Star Mills- Sn Fernando, Pamp 875- 1927 961-5318 / 5270
1 PANIC ROOM
2 SCOOBY DOO
3 MINORITY REPORT
4 FOREVERMORE
5 SUM OF ALL FEARS
6 SUM OF ALL FEARS

malabon citisquare- soon to open.

Enjoy the biggest official movie entries to this year's **Manila Film Festival** starting **June 12, 2002**
- SUPER B
- DISKARTE
- UTANG NI TATANG
- MAMASAN
- I THINK I'M IN LOVE
- MAGKAPATID

For screening and other inquiries pls. contact 687-0593

how-2-reach-us:
email: htc@netasia-mnl.net
http://www.robinsonsmovieworld.com
call-a-movie 536- 7812

MOVIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

ENTERTAINMENT

Editor **Louie C. Camino**

Making wishes come true, and making 'K'

KRIS AND TELL

Kris Aquino

WHENEVER I feel low, knowing that there's a way for me to help make some "wishes" come true really lifts my spirits. Most especially when those wishes are of children who are very ill and are undergoing grueling medical procedures.

This opportunity came at a great time and became my way of saying thanks for Josh's full recovery from his freak accident last August 1. It's been 11 months, and my son is at his healthiest and most robust. I know how blessed we've been, and I do believe in giving back.

On Wednesday, Martin Nievera and I, with Gift Gate, will be working hand in hand with Make a Wish Foundation to grant some of the requests of 10 children. The children, ranging from 3 to 15 years old, longed for what every other kid would want, such as cell phones or play stations. The difference is that whenever we parents buy our kids anything, we remind them to take care of the items and make sure they last for years. We get mad when the items break down because we feel our kids are not being careful.

In the case of the Make a Wish children, nobody knows if they can enjoy their toys or electronics longer than the manufacturer's warranty period.

* * *

Martin and I have bonded really well, primarily because we are alike a lot and we both care deeply about Pops (Fernandez). I know that Martin really wishes Pops all the best, and he tries his best, through his actions, to show her that he's now truly one of the best friends she could possibly hope for. He knows how to show his appreciation.

Last Thursday night, Martin wanted to do something special for Pops, and I'm glad I was able to facilitate his request for the "surprise" for her. Martin always jokes that he's "the best possible ex" there is and I'll have to agree with him on that.

* * *

Remember I had previously written about making a big-screen comeback?

The project is a definite go. It will be produced by Maverick Films, directed by Joel Lamangan, written by Raquel Villavicencio, and it will star Maricel Soriano, Ai Ai delas Alas, and me. The movie is entitled "Mga Babaeng may K."

The letter K will be subject to interpretation. Think of the most tongue-in-cheek "K" words, and you'll get my drift. But the story will be about three women who are having their marriages annulled. How those stories will be intertwined will lie in the expert hands of Raquel and Direk Joel.

This won't be a melodrama. On the contrary, this is a light, possibly hilarious treatment of what women go through when relationships end.

For most of us who have sur

MAKING/ A28

JUST VISITING

MTRCB RATING ▶ G General Patronage | ALL AGES ADMITTED

Fun and fantasy for the whole family!

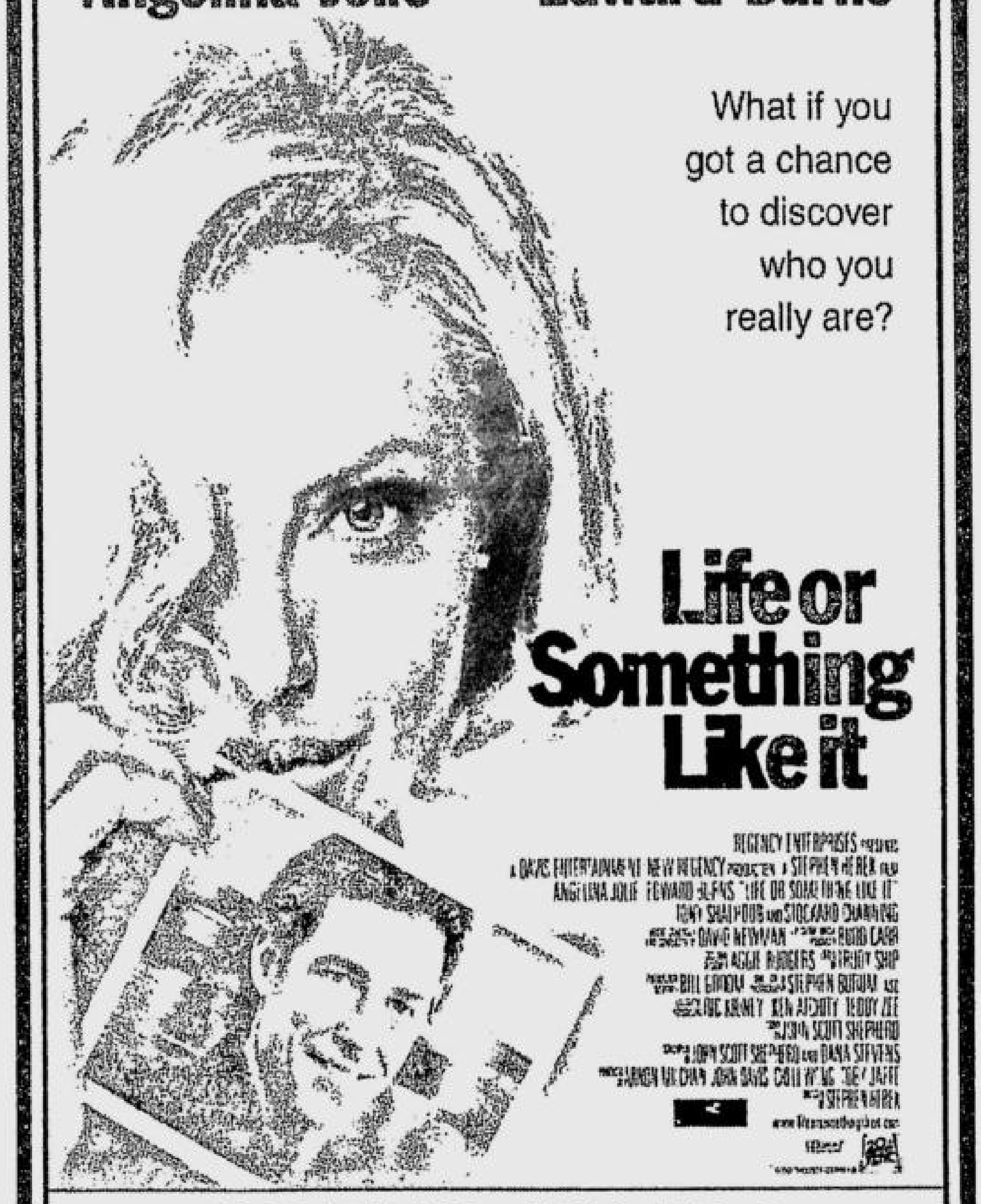
'Just Visiting' opens July 3

When a wizard uses a flawed time-travel potion and bungles his magic spell, a noble knight, Count Thibault, and his clumsy servant, Andre, find themselves transported from 12th century medieval France to 21st century modern-day Chicago!

Confused, lost and overwhelmed, the pair meets hilarious misadventures with automobiles, electricity and indoor plumbing. They enlist the help of Thibault's descendant Julia Malfete as they find their way back to their own time, armed with the timeless values of honor and courage.

Based on a phenomenal box office hit in France, JUST VISITING is a heartwarming comedy adventure for the entire family. Loaded with special effects and laugh-out-loud comic moments, JUST VISITING is a movie-going treat for all ages.

JUST VISITING stars Jean Reno, Christina Applegate and Christian Clavier, and is directed by Jean-Marie Gaubert from a screenplay by Clavier & Jean-Marie Poire & John Hughes.


What if you got a chance to discover who you really are?
Life or Something Like it
REGENCY ENTERPRISES presents

MTRCB RATING PG-13 Children below 13 yrs. old will only be allowed if accompanied by a parent or adult

Angelina Jolie **Edward Burns**

OPENS JULY 3

THEATER MOVIE GUIDE

ARANETA CENTER THEATERS 911-3101	
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-1	FOREVERMORE
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-2	MAGKAPATID
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-3 (DDS)	MINORITY REPORT
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-4 (SDDS)	SUM OF ALL FEARS
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-5 (DTS)	MINORITY REPORT
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-6 (DOLBY)	SCOOBY DOO
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-7 (DOLBY)	A WALK TO REMEMBER
FARMERS PLAZA-1 (DOLBY)	TAMPISAW
FARMERS PLAZA-2 (DOLBY)	MINORITY REPORT
FIESTA CARNIVAL	
NEW FRONTIER	
MANILA	
EASTERN	
MAXIM	CLOSED
MIRAMAR	KASIBULAN / TEMPTATION NIGHT
ODEON	MINORITY REPORT
ODEON-2	DISKARTE
ROBEN	TAMPISAW
TANDEM-1	MAMASAN
TANDEM-2	MONSTER'S BALL
TIMES	COLLATERAL DAMAGE / MIMIC-2
QUEZON CITY	
ACT-1	SENSUAL ISLAND
ACT-2	KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT
ACT-3	CLOSED
ACT-4	CLOSED
CORONET-2	ORIGINAL SIN
QUEZON-1	TAMPISAW
REMAR	MINORITY REPORT
REMAR-2	TAMPISAW
NOVA MALL - NOVALICHES CINEMA	
A	FOREVERMORE
B	TAMPISAW
C	SUPER B
MANDALUYONG CITY	
SHANGRI-LA PLAZA MALL	635-20-79 / 633-78-51 TO 70
CINEMA-1	AMELIE
CINEMA-2	MINORITY REPORT
CAINTA RIZAL	
STA. LUCIA EAST	(681-5401 TO 19)
CINEMA-1	DISKARTE
CINEMA-2	TAMPISAW
CINEMA-3	FOREVERMORE
CINEMA-4 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	MINORITY REPORT
CINEMA-5 (DTS)	FOREVERMORE
CINEMA-6	MONSTER'S BALL
CINEMA-7	MAGKAPATID
CINEMA-8	A WALK TO REMEMBER
CINEMA-9 (DTS)	MINORITY REPORT
CINEMA-10 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	MINORITY REPORT
CINEMA-11 (SDDS)	SCOOBY DOO
CINEMA-12	SUM OF ALL FEARS
CINEMA-14	AMELIE
CINEMA-15	FOREVERMORE
LORES	
CINEMA-2	CLOSED
CINEMA-3	CLOSED
POWER PLANT CINEMA	
CINEMA-1	MINORITY REPORT
CINEMA-2	SCOOBY DOO
CINEMA-3	SUM OF ALL FEARS
CINEMA-4	MINORITY REPORT
CINEMA-5	FOREVERMORE
CINEMA-6	MINORITY REPORT
UNIWIDE METROMALL	
(LAS PIÑAS)	
CINEMA-1	
CINEMA-2	
CINEMA-4	
UNIWIDE COASTAL MALL	
(PARAÑAQUE)	
CINEMA-1	ALIPIN NG TUKSO
CINEMA-2	THE OTHER SIDE OF LOVE
CINEMA-4	ALAMID

POWER PLANT CINEMA

Rockwell Center, Makati City ☎ Tel. No: 8981440-41 DOLBY DIGITAL SURROUND-EX

MINORITY REPORT - P13 2:10, 5:10, 8:10	SCOOBY DOO - GP 1:00, 3:00 5:00, 7:00, 9:00	SUM OF ALL FEARS - P13 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
MINORITY REPORT - P13 12:10, 3:10, 6:10, 9:10	FOREVERMORE - GP 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40	MINORITY REPORT - P13 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10

MATINEE P80.00 - FREE SEATING - SCREENINGS BEFORE 5 PM - MON. TO FRI.

THEATRE MALL GREENHILLS

a landmark reinvented! DOLBY DIGITAL

NOW SHOWING

CINEMA 1 — MINORITY REPORT
10:20, 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00
GP

CINEMA 2 — THE SUM OF ALL FEARS
11:30, 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50
P 13

MONDAY-FRIDAY Screening before 5 PM - Free Seating P 80 / Screenings after 5 PM - Reserved Seats P 120
SATURDAY, SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS - All Reserved Seating: P 120

GREENHILLS SHOPPING CENTER, ORTIGAS AVENUE, GREENHILLS, SAN JUAN, METRO MANILA • 7224496

MUSIC MUSEUM | JUNE 28 & 29 | FALSETTOS (New Voice Company) | 8:30 PM
FOR INQUIRIES & RESERVATION, PLS. CALL: 721-6726 OR 721-0635

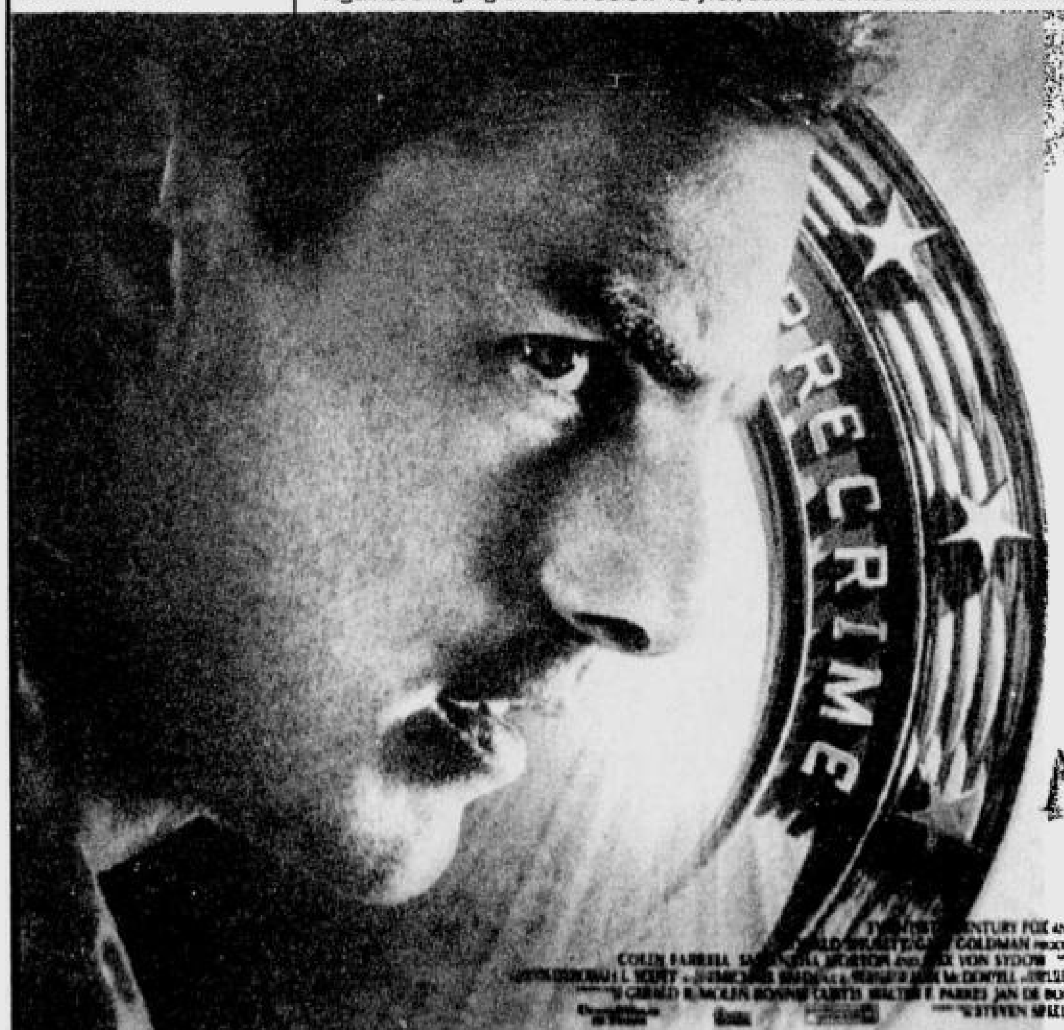
LOVE RADIO 90.7 | COLUMBIA PICTURES

INVITE YOU TO THE ADVANCE SCREENING OF
JUST VISITING
ON JULY 1 • 7:30 PM • SM MEGA MALL • CINEMA 1

JEAN RENO
CHRISTINA APPLE GATE
CHRISTIAN CLAVIER
THEY'RE NOT JUST FROM ANOTHER TIME
THEY'RE FROM FRANCE
JUST VISITING

MEGA SARDINES — SPONSORED BY: TALK 'N TEXT — CHILDREN'S CLUSIVOL Batang malusog Batang Mayana

MTRCB RATING PG-13 PARENTS STRONGLY CAUTIONED
Against bringing children below 13 yrs., some themes and scenes may prove too sensitive for younger audiences.


PRECRIME
CRIME CAN BE PREDICTED,
THE GUILTY ARRESTED BEFORE THE LAW IS BROKEN,
THE SYSTEM WAS NEVER WRONG,
UNTIL IT CAME AFTER HIM.
TOM CRUISE
A STEVEN SPIELBERG FILM
MINORITY REPORT

Special thanks to NOKIA

NOW SHOWING

SMART international roaming

International Roaming partners:
Now 225 and still counting...

Simply the most global.

With 225 international roaming partners - and counting. In over 100 destinations worldwide. Can anyone come close?

Even while traveling, you need to keep in touch with business associates and loved ones. That's why SMART has the most roaming partners in over 100 destinations worldwide. So you'll have the convenience of choosing among more international partner networks while you roam. Whether you're a discriminating traveler, a seasoned businessman, or an occasional tourist, you're always connected around the world. Even SMART Buddy pre-paid subscribers can go abroad and continue texting as if they never left the country! So if you're going overseas soon, activate your SMART International Roaming now. And stay connected while you travel the world.

Visit the SMART Wireless Center nearest you. And always travel with SMART.

SMART
Simply Amazing!

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Call the SMART Hotline at 888-1111, text us at 888 (P1.00 per message sent in excess of the FREE TEXT allocation), or e-mail us at customercare@smart.com.ph.

acer
we hear you
INQUIRE HERE: Acer Website www.acer.com.ph
Acer Hotline 302-7777/302-7888

MONDAY
JULY 1, 2002

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

BUSINESS

Editor Raul O. Marcelo ❁ Assistant Editor Corrie S. Narisma

COMPAQ
ProLiant
DL 580
Reliable four-way computing for space-constrained environments
For more info, contact us today!
INTEGRATED COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC. (ICS)
Tel. 727-3801 Website: www.ics.com.ph

Napocor rescinds ₱2.5-B deal with Sumitomo

AMID a written protest from the Japanese government and warnings from the Asian Development Bank that it would withhold funding, National Power Corp. has decided to set aside the award of the P2.5-billion Leyte-Cebu submarine power interconnection project to Sumitomo Corp.

The Napocor board last month issued a resolution, a copy of which was obtained by the INQUIRER, formally rescinding the Sumitomo award and directing another round of bidding.

The Japanese firm submitted the lowest bid of $42.16 million for the installation of the undersea cables, as against the second lowest bid of $48.89 million submitted by Alcatel.

Napocor's turnabout came after the National Economic and Development Authority ruled that the state power agency had reduced the project scope from three to two cables without prior Neda approval.

Now delayed for nearly two years, the planned undersea cables would link power-surplus Leyte with the power-hungry Cebu-Negros-Panay grid, which is forecast to experience power shortfall by late 2003.

"Before the Japanese government officially and openly files a protest against the Philippine government's request to re-bid (or, in the future, against the request to cancel the loan without any appropriate reason), we would like to request the Philippine government to reconsider and to decide that the final decision of the government should be the original one decided by Napocor, which was officially endorsed by ADB after it was submitted by Napocor," said Japanese Embassy Counselor Takashi Hoshiyama.

Hoshiyama's explicit warning was contained in a letter sent to Finance Undersecretary Juanita Amatong on Feb. 27, 2002.

The ADB, which is funding the project, said Napocor had sought its prior approval to reduce the three-cable project to two before the state power agency conducted the May 2000 bidding. The reduction was expected to significantly bring down the project cost.

Napocor estimates showed that two cables, instead of the planned three, would be enough to transmit the 200 megawatts of power that Leyte would supply to the Cebu grid to forestall the 2003 shortage.

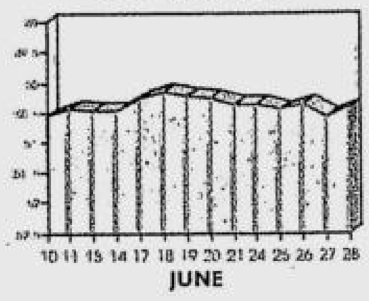
Though Napocor's action may be aboveboard with ADB, a subse-

NAPOCOR/ B5

INDICATORS

CURRENCIES

PESO - DOLLAR



GRAPHS BY RONNIE CABUANG

PESO-DOLLAR RATE

₱ 50.42 = $1

As of 5 p.m., June 28, 2002

¥ 119.22 = $1

As of 5 p.m., June 28, 2002

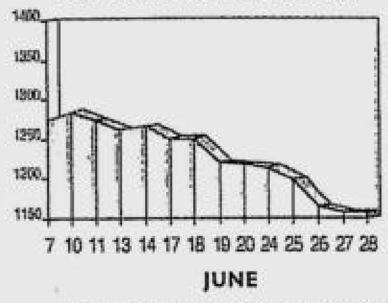
GOLD: $319.30/319.80

per ounce Hong Kong, June 28, 2002

STOCK MARKET

Stock investors still looking for reasons to unleash cash

PSE COMPOSITE INDEX



(See stock market report on Page B6)

STOCKS will remain listless this week on a dearth of buying incentives aggravated by uncertainties hounding blue chips and repercussions of another accounting scandal in the United States, analysts say.

Share prices are also seen bottoming out, having already hit six-month lows, but the rebound will likely be weak.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index closed at a six-month low of 1,156.35 on Friday, down 4.76 percent from a week earlier.

The downturn was caused by a lack of favorable leads, concerns over the budget deficit and signs of political infighting in the government.

"We are expecting a bottoming out because the falls of the last two

STOCK/ B6

BOARDROOM BRAWL

MVP seeks support of key foreign PLDT shareholder

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PHILIPPINE Long Distance Telephone Co. president Manuel V. Pangilinan is currently wooing US fund management giant Capital Research and Management Co. to fortify its defenses against the march of tycoon John Gokongwei into the country's largest telecommunication concern.

Capital Research is the second single-biggest foreign shareholder of PLDT, with a stake of 8 percent to 12 percent, after Japan's Nippon Telegraph and Telephone (NTT) which has 15 percent.

A source said Pangilinan sees Capital Research's support to his fold as crucial especially if the battle to keep out Gokongwei's prying hands from PLDT shifts from legal attrition to a proxy fight.

Capital Research, however, has no rights of first refusal unlike NTT which can shoot down the deal between First Pacific Co. and Gokongwei for the Hong Kong-based investment firm's interest in PLDT.

NTT has announced that it needed more

MVP/ B4

PLDT headquarters in Makati

Big enough to fit 10 countries.

Size does matter. Especially if you have to carry 9 frisky schoolkids. Fortunately, the Chevrolet Venture easily fits 10 members of your family with room to spare for cargo and anything else you want to carry. And with a 3L V6 engine, 4-wheel ABS, dual airbags, 4-speaker stereo system, front and rear air conditioning, you'll get to that all-important UN Day in comfort and safety.

CHEVROLET
VENTURE

GM AutoWorld showrooms are open 7 days a week.

See the 2002 Chevrolet Venture at
www.generalmotors.com.ph

GM AutoWorld MAKATI
2307 Pasong Tamo Extension, Makati City
Tel. Nos. : 843-0217 to 20 / 843-0228
814-0803 / 814-0838

GM AutoWorld QUEZON AVENUE
1231 Quezon Ave., Quezon City
Tel. Nos. : 374-1250 to 59 / 413-8133
372-8001, 415-8878
Fax No. : 372-8008

GM AutoWorld SHAW
500 Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City
Tel. Nos. : 535-4944 / 535-4938 / 533-1263
Fax No. : 535-4937 / 535-4935

GM AutoWorld PAMPANGA
MacArthur Highway, Dolores,
City of San Fernando, Pampanga
Tel. Nos. : (045) 961-2002, (045) 860-2000
Tel/Fax No. : (045) 961-2003

GM AutoWorld CEBU
Gov. Cuenco Ave., Cebu City
Tel. No. : (32) 234-0426
Fax No. : (32) 231-7760

GM AutoWorld

Value your assets and ensure they grow with the passing of years. How?

Call Zurich Philippines
for you life & non-life insurance
886.36.56

ZURICH 28 / F Petron Megaplaza Building 358 Sen Gil Puyat Ave Makati City 1200 e-mail zuriphil@zurich.com website www.zurich.com.ph
Makati (632)750.0378 Cebu (032)233.7611 Iloilo (033)336.3857 Davao (082)227.6370 Cabanatuan (044)463.4775 GenSan (082) 554.9512

Make
Maybank
your bank.

One of the top 130 banks in the world ●
Among the top 20 banks in Asia ●
Backed by over US$39 billion in assets ●
Present in major countries overseas with over ●
500 branches and representative offices worldwide
The largest bank in Malaysia ●

MEGALINK
Member PDIC Deposits insured up to P100,000

Maybank
Best Bank in Malaysia
Euromoney Awards for Excellence 2001

Visit any of our over 50 branches nationwide or call 521-7451.
www.maybank2u.com

www.ledgea.com
Software Development and I.T. Services
FREE DEMO within Metro Manila
Ledgea Accounting
Integrated Accounting Software
GL · AR · AP · Inventory · Check Writer
Sales & Purchases · VAT · Over 100 Reports
STANDARD: P14,500 · MULTI-USER/BRANCH: P45,000
LEDGEA IS LOOKING FOR RESELLERS/ CONSULTANTS
NEED ANY CUSTOMIZED SOFTWARE?
CALL: 729-7712 / 757-2381 EMAIL: info@ledgea.com

ATTENTION ALL DENTISTS!!!

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- you no longer have to stay in your clinic just to wait for patients to walk in?
- you don't have to hire a full-time receptionist to manage appointments for you and remind you when you do have appointments?
- you can set up your practice right in your own home and neighbors will know about it without you even telling them?
- there is now a CALL CENTER here in the Philippines designed exclusively for dentists and their patients?
- all you have to do is call 438-0000 to know more about this one-of-a-kind service?

NOW YOU KNOW, SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
CALL 438-0000 AND BE A MEMBER NOW!

DENTISTA MO DENTAL NETWORK
Powered by: 2N Marketing Services

NTT to sell 15% stake in PLDT if price is right

By Doris C. Dumlao

JAPAN'S Nippon Telegraph and Telephone, the second biggest shareholder of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., is willing to sell its 15-percent stake in the local telecommunications giant at the right price.

In an interview with the INQUIRER, PLDT director Taketo Suzuki, one of the two NTT representatives to the PLDT board, admitted that selling out of the phone company—which is the target of a takeover bid by the Gokongwei group—was one of the options being studied.

But Suzuki did not comment when asked whether there were actual discussions with the First Pacific Co. Ltd. regarding the possible sellout.

"But I don't deny that it's one of the options. If there's an offer that makes sense, then why not?" Suzuki stressed.

The Japanese executive said NTT was not enjoying much cash dividends from its investment in PLDT.

Analysts said a sellout by NTT to the Gokongwei group would eliminate all impediments to the latter's takeover of the phone company through a controlling stake in a $925-million joint venture with First Pacific Co. Ltd. of Hong Kong, the biggest PLDT stockholder with a 24.47-percent interest.

In a separate interview, a source from the Gokongwei camp said the group did not need to rush in buying out NTT's stake to eliminate obstacles to the deal, but noted that such a move could be made in the future.

However, the source said that with the Gokongwei group not keen on acquiring the NTT stake at the price that it had agreed to pay First Pacific, which was ₱1,130 per share, other possibilities could be considered.

The source said that, for one, NTT could join the Gokongwei-First Pacific through a three-way partnership whereby the Japanese firm would be given the option to sell out in the future.

"It also depends on the price. The amount agreed with the Salim group was for a controlling stake, so we definitely won't pay the same price," the source said. "Right now there's no need to buy it but we can't say never."

The Gokongwei source also said it would not be possible to buy NTT's stake at this point in time because of the existing shareholders agreement with First Pacific where the two parties were supposed to vote as a majority block with a combined representation of eight seats (two for NTT and six for First Pacific) out of the 13 PLDT board seats.

Unless agreed upon by NTT and First Pacific, the shareholders' agreement states that there should be no transfer of any PLDT and Philippine Telecommunications Investment Corp. (PTIC) shares to a strategic investor at any time prior to March 24, 2003.

PTIC is a privately held corporation established under the laws of the Philippines, which owns about 15.4 percent interest in PLDT. First Pacific acquired its initial 17.2 per cent interest in PLDT from shareholders of PTIC, including the Cojuangco group.

3 oil firms start talks on shared terminal issue

By Ronnel W. Domingo

WITH the start of the removal of 28 petroleum tanks in Pandacan last Friday, the Big Three oil firms are set for the grueling task of forging an agreement to jointly operate and manage a shared terminal in Manila.

Energy Secretary Vincent Perez Jr., who led the ceremonial kickoff in decommissioning two out of five tanks in Pandacan, said forging an agreement would be difficult.

"This would entail tedious negotiations as one company can be more adversely affected (by the arrangement) than the other partners," Perez said.

He added that the business permits of Petron Corp., Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. and Caltex Philippines were extended up to Dec. 31.

The Manila City ordinance that reclassified Pandacan from industrial to a commercial zone permitted the oil firms' depots to operate only until June 30.

"With the memorandum of understanding on implementing a scale-down (of operations rather than a relocation) signed, we may now operate continuously in Pandacan," said Roberto Kanapi, Shell corporate affairs manager.

"Given that, we will go back to applying yearly for the renewal of our permits," he said.

Caltex country chair Timothy Leveille said the joint operation of a terminal was not new to the industry.

My friend Doreen

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

Honesto C. General

BACK in 1994, Doreen came over to my house for Saturday lunch. That was the first time I met her.

Bookmark vice president Jose Ma. Lorenzo Tan had just agreed to publish my cookbook, "The Coconut Cookery of Bicol," the definitive work on how to cook with *gata* (coconut milk) the Bicolano way. To celebrate the occasion, I decided to treat everyone who had something to do with the book to a truly Bicolano lunch.

Heading the guest list was Sandiganbayan Chief Justice Francis Garchitorena, who wrote the introduction, and his wife Vicky. Then, there was Joanne de Leon who was to design the book. And, of course, Lory Tan, who also took the pictures. At Lory's suggestion, I invited Doreen, the country's foremost food writer.

She came early, around eleven. Lory lent her a copy of the manuscript. She pored over it for about 10 minutes, then gave her snap review: "Very lucid."

The menu consisted of *cocido* (*sinigang* in Tagalog) of *talakitok* which had no *gata*. The dishes in *gata* were: *laing*, *santol*, *paksiw na hito*, *alimango* with *kangkong*, *peccadillo* of carp, chicken *dinuguan*. All these dishes were served with heaps of *kanin* boiled along with chunks of *camote*, which Doreen had never seen done before. For dessert, *santan* (known in Manila as coconut jam) with whole *pili* nuts served with ripe *latundan* bananas. I found Doreen had a sweet tooth because she liked the *santan* best of all.

In true Bicolano style, everyone brought home something: Francis had the *alimango*, Doreen the *santan*.

The next time I met Doreen was at lunch at the Makati Sports Club during the book launching in December 1994. She wrote profusely in her column about the menu particularly the two versions of Bicol Express, the hottest dish in the entire planet. The first version was of *siling mahaba*, which she called incendiary; the second of pure *siling labuyo*, which she called thermonuclear.

The following year, without my knowledge, Doreen graciously recommended my book to the Manila Critics Circle for Cookbook of the Year award. Never before or since has a cookbook been so honored. For this, I shall always be grateful to Doreen. At the awarding ceremonies at the Megamall, Doreen sat at the back grinning contentedly.

That same year, during the fiesta at Bel-Air Village, the homeowners association asked me to sell for charity Bicolano food at lunch. I invited Doreen and she came. Like all good foodies, Doreen could never refuse a free lunch. Bad for the profession to do so. I introduced her to *kanding-ga*, the Bicolano version of the Tagalog *bopis* (coarsely chopped pig's lungs, parboiled then sautéed in vinegar, peppercorns and laurel leaf, and lots of garlic. She brought some home.

The last time we corresponded was when I wrote her my reaction to her column on the sourness of *sinigang*. I explained that the Bicolano serves *sinigang*, with its sour broth, always in tandem with another dish that is salty and dry, like fried fish or pork chop.

Doreen seldom wrote recipes in her column or her articles. She wrote about food, especially Filipino food. She wrote how the distinctive Filipino food was part of the Filipino soul.

Doreen's death was a great loss. But I find consolation that now, up there, she has all the *santan* she wants.

UNIVERSITY OF ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
CONTINUING EDUCATION SERIES
APPLIED BUSINESS ECONOMICS PROGRAM
Certificate Courses in Business Economics

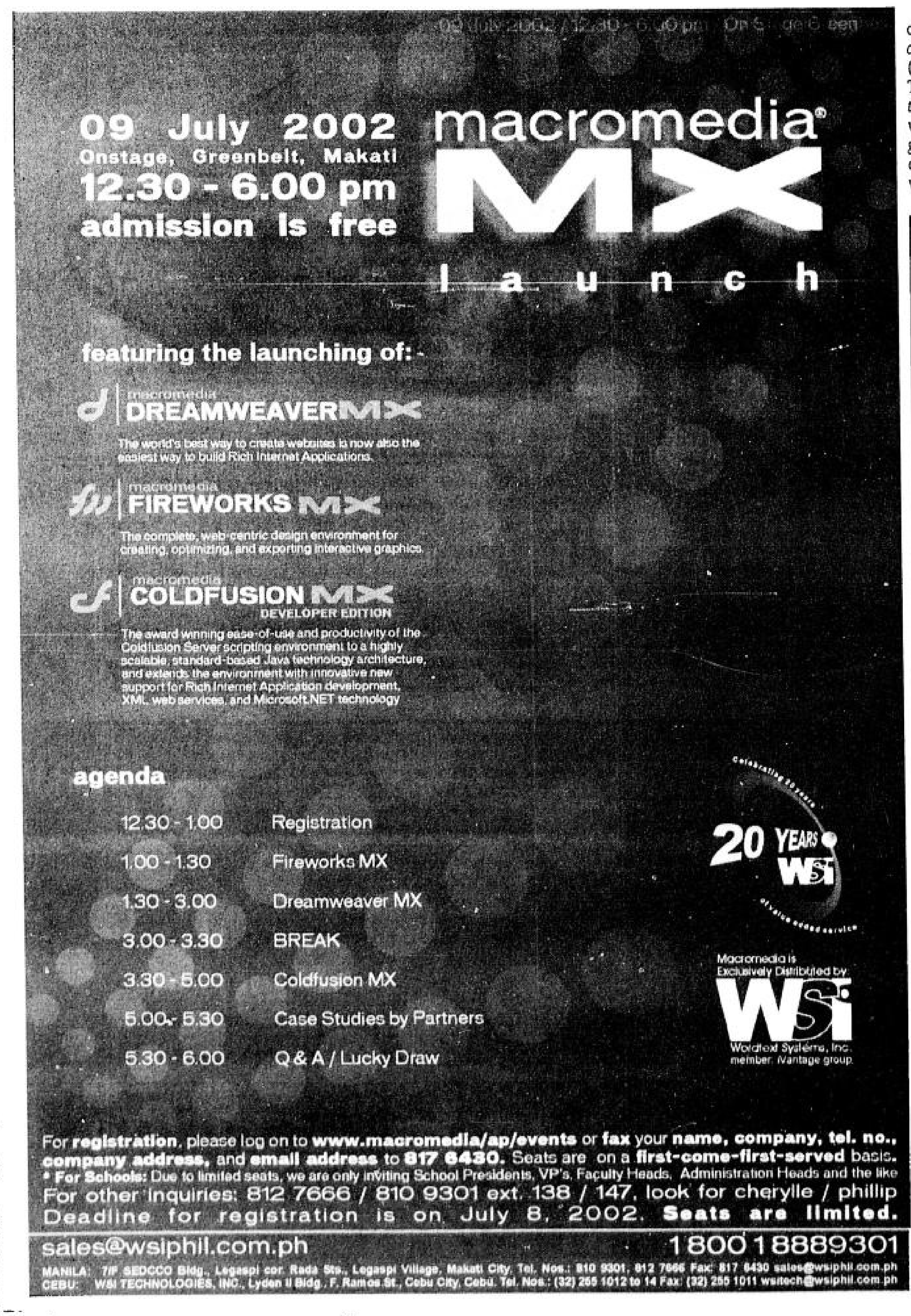
Economics of a Nation
Jul. 8, 2002 – Aug.30, 2002 ■ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Mons. and Thurs.)
Teaches corporate analysts and businessmen to better adapt their corporate strategies to the prevailing macro-economic conditions. Participants should be able to gain insights on current economic issues, as well as interpret and analyze economic phenomena through the use of simple, basic economic tools.

Economics of Market Analysis
July 22-23, 2002 ■ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Designed for mid-to-upper level marketing staff and aspiring entrepreneurs. A comprehensive overview but technically grounded approach to market opportunity spotting and creative market segmentation and targetting.

Economics of Project Finance
July 29-31, 2002 ■ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Topics to be covered are: The Fundamental Concepts of Project Financing; Instruments and Market of Project Financing; Tools of Project Viability Analysis; Concepts and Techniques of Project Structuring; and Comprehensice Case Studies and Applications.

Economics of Households and Firms
September 9, 2002 – November 15, 2002 ■ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (2x a week)
Focuses on the microeconomic aspects essential for a sound corporate appraisal. This module is devoted to the study of supply and demand and supply forces that influence pricing and output under various market conditions.

For more information about ABEP, please contact Mr. Bien Nito or Ms. Elsie Doran at telephone numbers 634-3043 / 637-0912 local 225 or e-mail abep@uap.edu.ph
www.uap.edu.ph



09 July 2002
Onstage, Greenbelt, Makati
12.30 - 6.00 pm
admission is free

macromedia® MX launch

featuring the launching of:-

macromedia DREAMWEAVER MX
The world's best way to create websites is now also the easiest way to build Rich Internet Applications.

macromedia FIREWORKS MX
The complete, web-centric design environment for creating, optimizing, and exporting interactive graphics.

macromedia COLDFUSION MX DEVELOPER EDITION
The award winning ease-of-use and productivity of the Coldfusion Server scripting environment to a highly scalable, standard-based Java technology architecture, and extends the environment with innovative new support for Rich Internet Application development, XML, web services, and Microsoft.NET technology

agenda

12.30 - 1.00	Registration
1.00 - 1.30	Fireworks MX
1.30 - 3.00	Dreamweaver MX
3.00 - 3.30	BREAK
3.30 - 5.00	Coldfusion MX
5.00 - 5.30	Case Studies by Partners
5.30 - 6.00	Q & A / Lucky Draw

Celebrating 20 years of value added service
20 YEARS WSi

Macromedia is Exclusively Distributed by:
WSi
Worldtext Systems, Inc.
member: iVantage group

For **registration**, please log on to **www.macromedia/ap/events** or **fax** your **name, company, tel. no., company address,** and **email address** to **817 6430.** Seats are on a **first-come-first-served** basis.
* **For Schools:** Due to limited seats, we are only inviting School Presidents, VP's, Faculty Heads, Administration Heads and the like
For other inquiries: 812 7666 / 810 9301 ext. 138 / 147, look for cherylle / phillip
Deadline for registration is on July 8, 2002. **Seats are limited.**
sales@wsiphil.com.ph 1800 18889301
MANILA: 7/F SEDCCO Bldg., Legaspi cor. Rada Sts., Legaspi Village, Makati City. Tel. Nos.: 810 9301; 812 7666 Fax: 817 6430 sales@wsiphil.com.ph
CEBU: WSI TECHNOLOGIES, INC., Lyden II Bldg., F. Ramos St., Cebu City, Cebu. Tel. Nos.: (32) 255 1012 to 14 Fax: (32) 255 1011 wsitech@wsiphil.com.ph

Experience...
Something good to see. Even greater to hear!
TDK®
tremor SPEAKERS
Believe your ears. This is revolutionary.

- Digital Sweetspot Transmission Activates Whole Room Sound
- Integrated w/ NXT technology to achieve new sound quality levels
- Automatic thermal protection --- no clipping
- Massive cast aluminum heat-sink active tube-subwoofer system
- 60 watts of pure power

For MULTIMEDIA APPLICATIONS:
CD/DVD AUDIO, MP3, PC GAMING, and MORE

Dealers Are Welcome

www.tdk.com.sg

Exclusively Distributed by:
PM PETERSEN MERCHANDISING
608 - 612 Camba Street,
Binondo, Manila
Tel. Nos.: 241-7908; 242-5540
Fax No.: 242-4516

COCKTALES

Victor C. Agustin

SUV stories

THE HOT-SELLING 2002 Honda CR-V is so far the only one likely to be hit by the re-imposition of excise tax.

The bigger Mitsubishi Pajero, Nissan Patrol, Ford Expedition, and similar behemoths would escape the re-imposition because these sports utility vehicles, unlike CR-V, have chucked off their 4x4 configuration and re-classified themselves as trucks.

According to the government grapevine, the new CR-V caught the taxmen's attention after Honda reconfigured its five-seater SUV into a "10-seater" like the humbler people-movers Tamaraw Revo and Mitsubishi Adventure.

And since it is now a "10-seater," CR-V has managed to apply for exemption from the 35-percent excise tax, a privilege accorded to the regular Asian utility vehicles.

The seating rearrangement has resulted in CR-V managing to slash off P169,000 from the 2001 sticker price for its 2002 automatic transmission model, rocketing it to the top-seller list to the envy of the other industry players.

To prevent the competition like Suzuki Grand Vitara from following the CR-V's artful dodge, the Department of Finance and the Bureau of Internal Revenue are rushing this week a revised order that essentially reverts the system to the 1997 rules, before they were progressively watered down through the years.

If BIR Commissioner Rene Bañez would have his way, even the seat pitch and width would be measured to check whether regular folks, not dwarfs, could really be accommodated within the declared seating capacity.

The automotive industry would not like Cocktales for this, but if you could hold off your purchase until next year, you just might end up with a better bargain since the import tariff on imported vehicles, following the country's Afta commitments, should drop from the current 30 percent to only 5 percent.

But then again, given the worrisome revenue shortfall and the struggling automotive assembly industry, Malacañang just might hold off the scheduled tariff reduction by a few more years.

Poetic justice

AND speaking of the weakened automotive manufacturing sector, tomorrow is the fifth anniversary when the regional currency crisis hit the local shores and the peso thereafter went down, down, down the slippery slope.

One sector hard hit by the devaluation is, ironically, none other than the drumbeaters of devaluation themselves, the economists from Diliman.

"Hand-to-mouth existence" was the reply of former Finance Undersecretary Romeo Bernardo, a leading fellow at the Foundation for Economic Freedom, when asked why neither the FEF nor the UP economists have produced a paper to mark the painful event.

What Bernardo meant was that local and foreign sponsorships have virtually dried up, the benefactors also having fallen victims to the crisis' contagion.

Why, even the United States Agency for International Development that liberally funded the Philexport group to lobby and undermine the peso has apparently stopped the dollar flow.

The only clear winner from the FEF ranks is former Economic Planning Secretary Cayetano Paderanga, now the Philippine alternate director to the Asian Development Bank, a dollar-denominated appointment with liberal foreign travel perks that the proletarian colleagues at the Action for Economic Reforms could only dream of.

Short cuts

- FORMER Washington-based central banker F. Enrico Alfiler is likely to call Manila home for now as head of the foreign cement lobby group.
- PLDT chair Antonio Cojuangco has a new neighbor at 40 Cambridge St., North Forbes that is now the talk of high society.

Heard through the grapevine

AND speaking of TonyBoy Cojuangco, the reported plan of the PLDT chair to borrow between $50 million and $100 million from his own Bank of Commerce would face a difficult hurdle from the Bangko Sentral, considering the bank's existing DOSRI exposures to related companies.

(Cocktales may be reached by e-mail at cocktales_pdi@ya hoo.com or at cocktales_pdi@hot-mail.com.)

FAX REPAIR
AS LOW AS
P300

FREE ESTIMATE

We offer world-class fax repair & we're sure no one else can compare!

KINGS COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.
KCS
- G/F Auro-Vir Plaza, 1665 Evangelista St. Bangkal, Makati City Tels. 894-2309 / 843-4638 / 843-4662
- Rm.201 Columbian Bldg. 160 West Ave. cor. EDSA, Quezon City Tels. 929-2052 / 929-2054
- 27-F Sikatuna St., Brgy. Parian, Cebu City TEL. (032) 254-8104 / 255-7401

Panasonic	NEC	SAMSUNG
SANYO	[illegible]	[illegible]
MURATA	SHARP	OKI
NISSE	Canon	[illegible]

CUT THIS AD AND AVAIL OF A 10% DISCOUNT

We also repair Computers

Can't use it?
We'll fix it!

60 MINS.
JUST CALL US! WE'LL FIX IT IN A FLASH!

Fax machines • Computers / Monitors • Printers (Laser, Deskjet, Dot Matrix) • Key Telephone System Sets • Answering Machines • Paper Shredders • UPS-AVRs • Typewriters and other office equipment

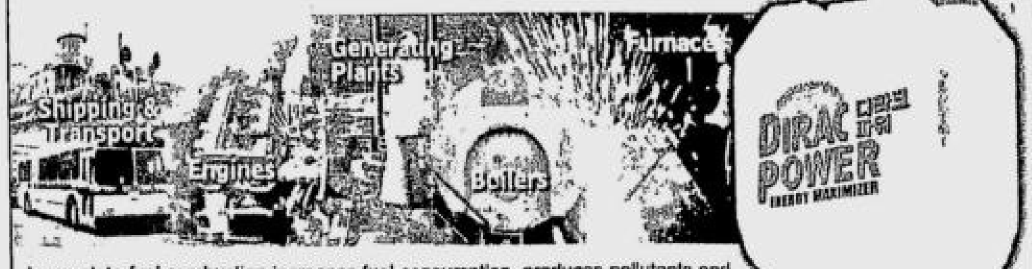
HEWLETT PACKARD • Panasonic • EPSON • SHARP • OKI • XEROX • SANYO • [illegible] • SAMSUNG • brother • muratec • Canon

CITIWORLD
One Stop Service Network
BUSINESS MACHINES SERVICES CORP.

Rm. 109 David I Bldg. 567 Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City Tel. Nos.: 725-7031 / 724-5823 / 723-4894

Makati Office: 3A, Trans-Phil House 117 Chino Roces Ave. Corner Bagtikan St., Makati City Tel. Nos.: 895-1435 / 896-6032

Don't Let Fuel Costs Bleed your Business.
START SAVING MILLIONS - NOW!



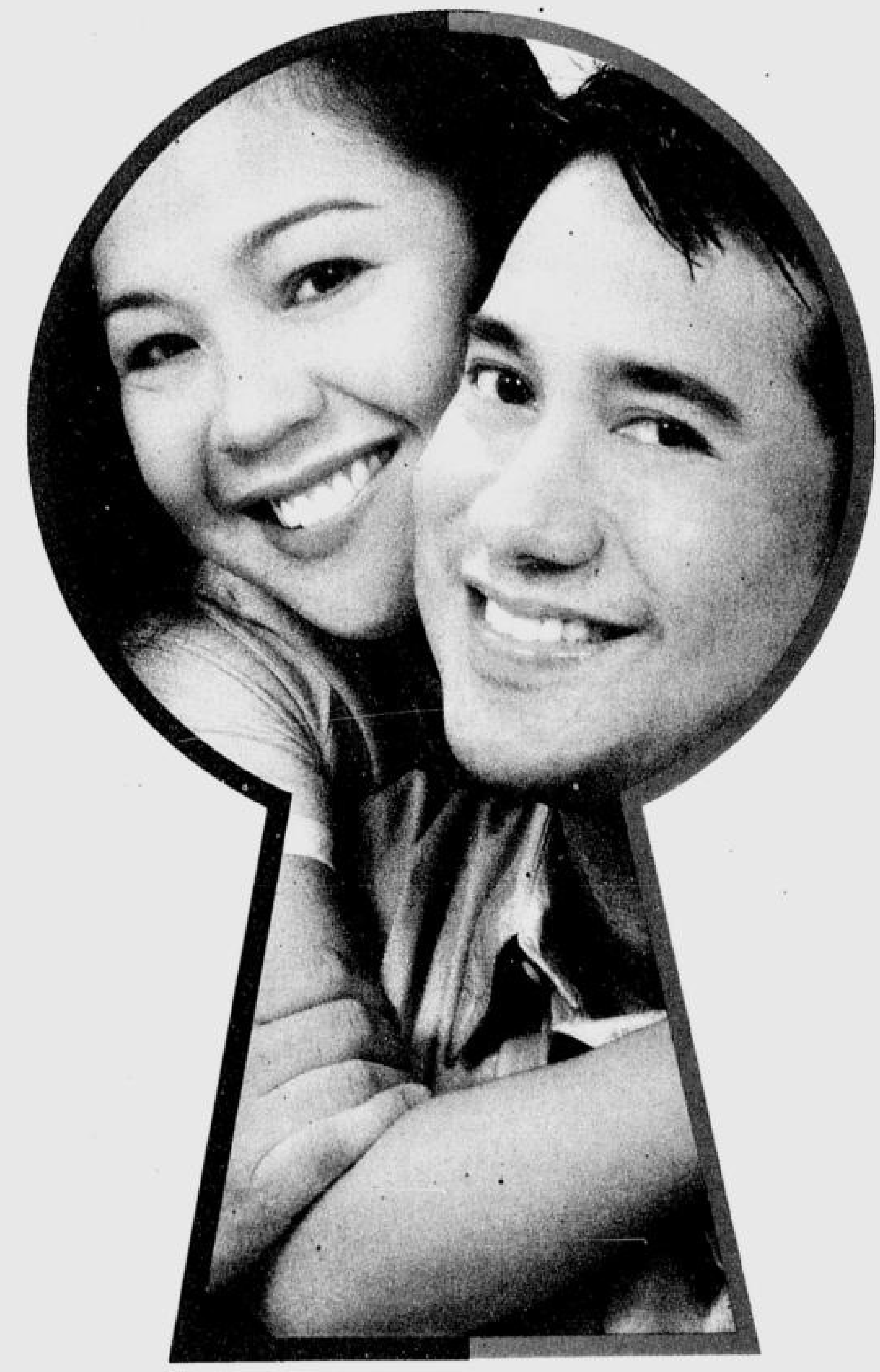
Incomplete fuel combustion increases fuel consumption, produces pollutants and may cause premature machine failure. That's why there's **Dirac Power Energy Maximizer** for your gasoline, diesel and bunker fuel. **Dirac Power** is scientifically formulated to improve fuel combustibility, so you save more and get more out of your business.

- Reduces fuel consumption up to 25%
- Reduces pollutants up to 95 %
- Boosts engine power
- Prolongs engine life & decreases maintenance cost

Exclusively Imported by:
STERN BRAVO TRADING CORPORATION

Exclusively Marketed by:
DIRAC MARKETING, INC.
Suite 204, Richbelt Tower, #17 Annapolis Street,
Greenhills, San Juan Manila
Tel. Nos.: 727-9284 • 727-9243 Tel/Fax: 727-9301

HAPPINESS IS...



HOME RATE PROTECT

Our most irresistible home loan just got better!

ENJOY A 9.5% INTEREST RATE FOR THE FIRST YEAR.
NEVER TO EXCEED 15% P.A. FOR THE NEXT 4 YEARS.
OR
13% P.A. LOCKED IN FOR 5 YEARS.

Either way, these options are created to suit your needs. And to protect you from a sudden rise in interest rates.

Goes without saying,
when people are
working harder for you,
you're in good hands.

Hurry and visit your nearest Metrobank or PSBank branch.

METROBANK
The Country's No. 1 Bank
898-9942; 898-8505; 898-8929; 898-8701; 840-5771
Visit our website at www.metrobank.com.ph

PSBank
PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK
A METROBANK SUBSIDIARY
843-2215, 843-1672, 885-8244, 843-2038
Visit our website at www.psbank.com.ph

RP registers $1.2B worth of securities with US SEC

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE GOVERNMENT has registered $1.2 billion worth of securities with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission late last week in preparation for the foreign bond issues of National Power Corp.

Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho, however, refused to divulge the type of borrowings Napocor would tap.

"We always have a shelf registration with the US SEC. This is to expedite whatever transactions we may have in the future," said the finance chief who also chairs the power company.

Napocor is planning to embark on two separate borrowings—one involving $500 million and the other, $600 million—in the second half of the year. These are on top of the $750 million Napocor had asked the national government to raise during the first quarter.

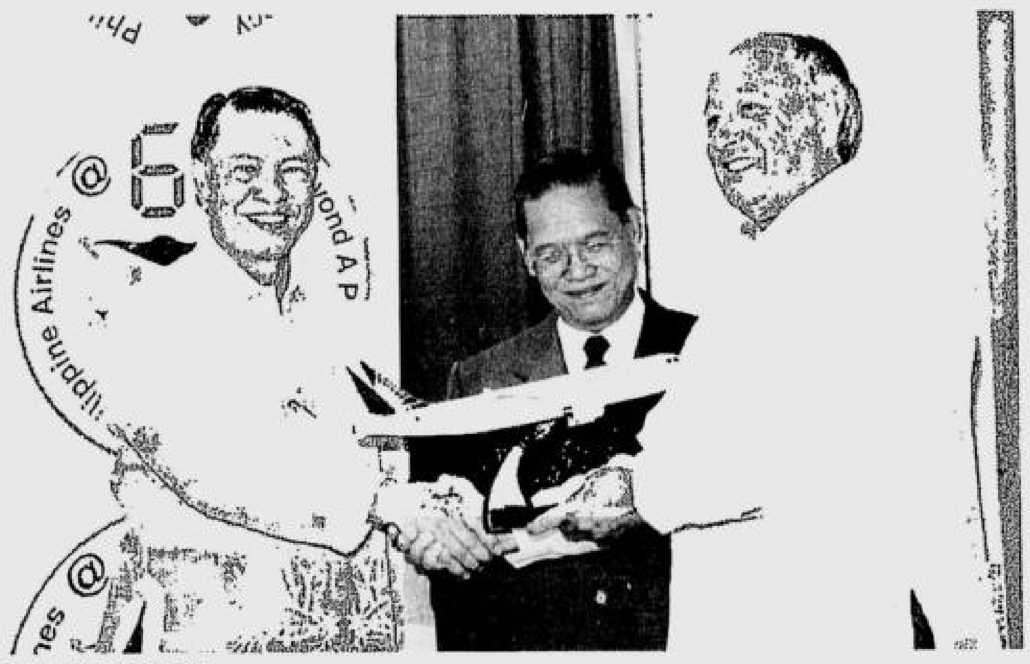
Napocor had increased the size of its foreign financing requirement this year from $1 billion to $1.8 billion.

The amount to be raised will be used to pay Napocor's maturing debts amounting to about $1 billion, fund capital expenditures and finance the deficit that it is expected to incur from the reduction of the purchased power adjustment to 40 centavos per kilowatt-hour.

Camacho said the spreads on Philippine debt papers had tightened and that he believed the spreads would continue to stabilize in the coming weeks.

Napocor, said sources, was wrapping up the details of a $500-million bond issue that will mature in 15 or 20 years. Short-listed to underwrite the borrowing were ABN-Amro, Credit Suisse First Boston, Deutsche Bank, HSBC, Lehman Brothers, Morgan Stanley, and Salomon Smith and Barney.

The $500-million long-term bond issue will be partially guaranteed by the Asian Development Bank. The guarantee should help bring down the cost of the borrowing.



PAL IN GUAM

Philippine Airlines chair Lucio Tan (left) presents a PAL aircraft model to Guam Gov. Carl Gutierrez as airline president Avelino L. Zapanta looks on during the formal relaunch of the flag carrier's service to Guam on June 21.

PEOPLE at WORK
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
BALANCED NEWS. FEARLESS VIEWS

Is your career going nowhere? Have we got the route for you.

Every Wednesday in our business section, we've got job-hunting tips, career guides and news on what's happening with today's workforce. A crucial task considering that the greater part of the employed consult us regularly.

Crisscrossing Mindanao

MINDANAO ONE

Joji Ilagan Bian

SINCE the last week of May, the Mindanao Business Council staff and I have been crisscrossing Mindanao for the regional consultation-workshops of the 11th Mindanao Business Conference and the 2nd Mindanao Information and Communications Conference, which will be held in August and September, respectively.

We held the consultations for both events simultaneously because the Mindanao Business Council views information communications technology (ICT) as a key factor in the overall development strategy for Mindanao, and we are working to fast-track its diffusion through the private sector.

The consultations kicked off in Davao City and culminated in Cagayan de Oro last June 14. In between, we also visited the cities of General Santos, Zamboanga, and San Francisco in Agusan del Sur. We pretty much covered the northern, southern, eastern and western parts of the region.

I always look forward to these trips because, for one, they are opportunities for reflection and evaluation. Since the start of the year, I've had to frequent Manila on behalf of the MBC's policy advocacy agenda, most recently at the Mindanao Budget Summit. I have found that the best antidote to all the bustle and stress of the capital is my return to Mindanao's verdant landscapes and more healthy lifestyle.

Second, these consultations keep the MBC and me grounded and in touch with the perspectives of the different business support organizations across Mindanao, which include chambers of commerce, producer groups and trade associations.

Despite the physical distance between the various organizations, their differences in culture, and the fact that they included some of the largest firms in Mindanao as well as SMEs, the issues and concerns they brought up at the various consultations were strikingly similar.

The state of peace and order is the topmost concern, as it has been for the last few years. Other concerns were high shipping and land transport costs; bureaucratic red tape and corruption, and lack of/inappropriate rural infrastructure (e.g. farm-to-market roads and post-harvest facilities), among others.

These issues will be addressed in the forthcoming 11th Mindanao Business Conference, which will be held in Surigao City on Aug. 26-27, where we aim to present government with "doable" resolutions drawn from our consultations.

Meanwhile, the regional consultations for the 2nd MICT Congress have indicated that Mindanao has a rich trove of world-class solution providers. I have learned of one IT company here which caters to a leading American airline. Another produces smart cards for Europe and Singapore. It was also a Mindanaoan who bested other computer graphic designers in the worldwide competition sponsored by Corel to design a Sept. 11 commemorative coin.

Sad to say, many of our people here still don't have access to ICT because much of rural Mindanao has yet to be wired. While major urban areas like Davao and Cagayan de Oro have the latest communication technologies on hand, at least 83 percent of our barangays have no access to telephones. The current telephone-to-people ratio in Mindanao is 5:100.

Other than this wide urban-rural disparity in IT development, the consultations also brought up the lack of access to affordable IT solutions, the high cost of IT resources (e.g. education, licensed software), the low level of competency among IT graduates, and the need to improve coordination between academe and the industry.

To address this situation, the Mindanao Information and Communications Task Force will be formally launched on July 4. The MICTF will be chaired by Rep. Celso Lobregat of Zamboanga City, Presidential Assistant for Mindanao Jesus Dureza, and myself, as the private-sector representative.

This body is a reconstruction of the Mindanao Telecommunications Task Force, which was responsible for the twelve-fold growth in Mindanao telecom during the mid-'90s. The MICTF hopes to build on the achievements of that first task force and jumpstart a new era of communications development in the region. *(Joji Ilagan Bian is the chair of the Mindanao Business Council and Philippine country director of the East Asean Business Council.)*

MVP seeks support . . .

From page B1

time to make up its mind on whether to waive or exercise its rights. The Pangilinan group, however, is betting that First Pacific would circumvent its shareholders agreement with NTT just to railroad Gokongwei.

Pangilinan has consolidated his forces at the company with PLDT chair Antonio "Tonyboy" Cojuangco keen on a management-backed counteroffer to Gokongwei's bid to acquire PLDT. His group is being advised by JP Morgan.

Gokongwei's offer has been pegged at P980 per share for PLDT but analysts said the taipan was keen on trimming down the acquisition price to P850 per share through synergies (with the anticipated merger between PLDT and Gokongwei's Digital Telecommunications Corp.) and restructuring.

Based on the targeted P850-per-share offer, analysts estimated that Gokongwei would be paying a 30-percent premium for the PLDT shares whose fair value (compared with other telecommunication stocks in Asia) has been pegged at P650 per share.

Napocor . . .

From page B1

quent review ordered by the Neda board, chaired now by President Macapagal-Arroyo, ruled otherwise.

"Such authority could be exercised if the agency acted in accordance with the government's approved specifications," Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho explained.

"Since no prior approval from the government for the change was secured, Napocor's action was invalid," Camacho said in his Oct. 2, 2001 letter to ADB president Tadao Chino.

Despite the written explanation of Camacho, ADB seemed unmoved.

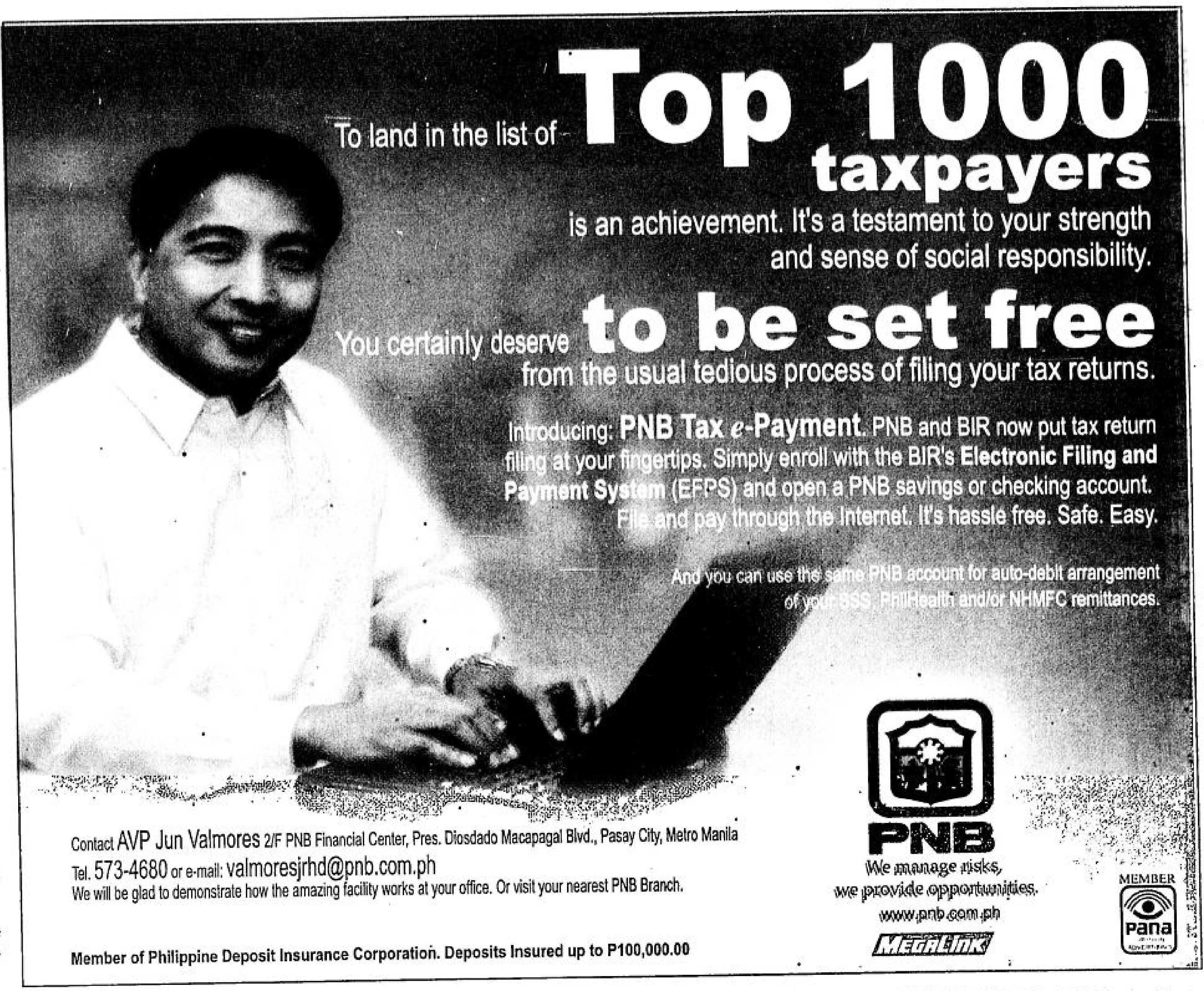
"In our view, this lapse of internal procedure (seeking prior Neda clearance) does not serve as an adequate basis for canceling the result of the procurement process, which was carried through fair and transparent international competitive bidding," Richard Ondrix, ADB Philippine country officer, wrote Camacho on Jan. 20, 2002.

"Therefore, we regret to advise that ADB is unable to agree with the government's request for the re-bidding of the turnkey contract..."

The Ondrix letter was later followed by another ADB advisory to Transco president Asisclo Gonzaga that the Philippine request for reallocation was "considered inconsistent" with the ADB procurement guidelines.

While agreeing to meet with Napocor and Transco officials to explain the ADB decision, "I should however mention that ADB's position on the proposed reallocation of funds is final and will not be reconsidered," said Patrick Giraud, ADB director for Southeast Asia Infrastructure Division, in an April 16, 2002 letter to Gonzaga.

Aside from re-bidding the project, the Napocor board also directed the cancellation of the $67-million loan allocated by the ADB for the Leyte-Cebu interconnection. It was not immediately clear which multilateral agency, if any, has now agreed to finance the power project.



To land in the list of **Top 1000 taxpayers** is an achievement. It's a testament to your strength and sense of social responsibility.

You certainly deserve **to be set free** from the usual tedious process of filing your tax returns.

Introducing: **PNB Tax e-Payment**. PNB and BIR now put tax return filing at your fingertips. Simply enroll with the BIR's **Electronic Filing and Payment System** (EFPS) and open a PNB savings or checking account. File and pay through the Internet. It's hassle free. Safe. Easy.

And you can use the same PNB account for auto-debit arrangement of your SSS, PhilHealth and/or NHMFC remittances.

Contact AVP Jun Valmores 2/F PNB Financial Center, Pres. Diosdado Macapagal Blvd., Pasay City, Metro Manila
Tel. 573-4680 or e-mail: valmoresjrhd@pnb.com.ph
We will be glad to demonstrate how the amazing facility works at your office. Or visit your nearest PNB Branch.

PNB
We manage risks,
we provide opportunities.
www.pnb.com.ph
MEGALINK

MEMBER Pana

Member of Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation. Deposits Insured up to P100,000.00

HYUNDAI Official Partner
HARI
3
3 years or 100,000 kms. factory warranty
Genuine Hyundai Mobis parts
Professional service from trained and certified technicians
Honored in all authorized HARI dealers
Peace of Mind
GRAY MARKET
0
No factory warranty
Replacement parts
Non-certified service
Not honored in other dealers
Cross your fingers
HYUNDAI
HYUNDAI
HYUNDAI
HARI ups the score to 3!
Enjoy Hyundai Asia Resources, Inc.'s 3 years / 100,000 kms. factory warranty with genuine Hyundai Mobis parts and guaranteed professional service.
www.myhyundai.com.ph

You're always a winner with Hyundai Asia Resources, Inc. (HARI). Welcome HARI's 3 years/100,000 kms. (whichever comes first) factory warranty and be assured of genuine Hyundai Mobis parts and professional service from trained and certified technicians. Now, your dream of having a most comfortable driving experience comes to life with your purchase of a Hyundai Starex and other Hyundai vehicles from HARI, the exclusive Philippine distributor of **Hyundai Motor Company (HMC)**. Celebrate your victory with HARI and get something the gray market can't guarantee --- peace of mind and a comfortable driving experience.

HARI is not responsible for any defect on quality or workmanship on any non-HARI purchased vehicle.* * To know details of the warranty, please consult authorized HARI dealers.*

Drive smart, drive with peace of mind. Deal only with authorized HARI dealers.

Hyundai E.Rodriguez, Sr. 222 E.Rodriguez, Sr. Ave. Quezon City Tel.#: (02) 722-0932 to 37 (02) 251-0018 • **Hyundai Quezon Ave.** 1144 Quezon Ave., QC Tel.#: (02) 374-3911 (02) 411-2720 • **Hyundai Edsa** 451 Edsa Guadalupe, Makati City Tel.#: (02) 882-2432 (02) 882-2433 • **Hyundai Pampanga** San Fernando-Olongapo Gapan Road San Fernando, Pampanga Tel.#: (045) 888-3241 (045) 625-9865• **Hyundai Cebu** A.S. Fortuna St., Banilad, Mandaue City, Cebu Tel.#: (032) 346-2724 (032) 345-4146 • **Hyundai Iloilo** Dona Ramona Bldg. 38 Luna St., La Paz Iloilo City Tel.#: (033) 320-2064 (033) 320-4186• **Hyundai Bacolod** Araneta St., Bacolod City Negros Occidental Tel.#: (034) 433-0567 (034) 434-8051 to 52

HYUNDAI ASIA RESOURCES, INC.
EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTOR OF HYUNDAI

Hyundai Motor Company (HMC)

HYUNDAI MOBIS

HYUNDAI
Always there for you.

For worry-free delivery, please contact:

854-4848

All branches open on Sundays and holidays.

TEAM LBC
HARI NG PADALA!

www.teamlbc.com • help@teamlbc.com.ph

WORLDCOMing to an end?

MR. BEARBULL

Ron Nathan

I AM writing this article in bed with a sore throat and a high temperature, obviously a touch of the flu. I know how I caught it. I opened the window and in flew enza. Either that or the germs entered from the exterior, into the interior and out the bacteria.

I read in Thursday's newspaper that Mexico and the Philippines are trying out a new contraceptive with the approval of the Church. It consists of a necklace of beads in three different colors. The woman wears it constantly and every day she slides a rubber ring over the next bead. One color tells her she is menstruating, as if she doesn't know; the second color tells her it is her safe period, and the third indicates her fertile days. However, I foresee two problems. First, she might forget to move the rubber ring; second, the husband in a fit of lust, might rip it off her neck.

I am in the process of patenting a far more effective method. It is 100 percent safe, can be used by men or women, has the approval of the Church, has no side effects and costs practically nothing. It is called Scotch tape.

That reminds me of a story of a man and his girlfriend. The man made love to the girl and said afterward, "If I had known you were a virgin, I would not have been so rough." The girl replied, "If I had known of your intention, I would have removed my panty hose."

In Madrid, the Basque Separatist Movement exploded three car bombs in protest. The police learned of their whereabouts and raided the house, which only had a front door but no back exit. The group was unable to escape. The moral of this story is "never put all your Basques in one exit." (Eggs in one basket).

My daughter learned French when she was 3, but at 5, she seemed unwilling to learn Tagalog. My wife has been trying hard but with little success. In desperation, she told me to have a go. Five minutes later, my daughter said smilingly "*mainit aso.*" "What is that?" asked my puzzled wife. "It's a hot dog," said she laughing. I was promptly fired.

I must write about the stock market because it has been falling like rain. It has dropped below 1,300, 1,200 and is only a little above 1,100. Fortunately, none of my subscribers are in the market after the warning I gave them last month. GET OUT AND STAY OUT.

In order to find the cause, we must look at the US market, where terrible things have been happening. Apart from warnings from the telecom sector and much of the tech sector, the market was rocked by the Enron scandal. The company declared bankruptcy even while analysts were still recommending it. The fallout was $30 billion of debt, and the company executives were busy shredding vital documents. A jury has convicted them of fraud, and charges are being filed, but it shook investors' confidence in the US accounting system.

Then on Wednesday, WorldCom suddenly admitted that it had overstated its profit by $3.9 billion! The directors sold $31 million of stock some time back and will now face charges of insider trading, but the damage is catastrophic. There are liabilities of $34 billion, and the shares fell 72 percent before being suspended. The banks and brokers who funded them are going to suffer enormous losses, as the company is virtually worthless and will probably file for bankruptcy.

The Nasdaq opened limit down and fell below the low, reached after the terrorist attack. The Dow opened 180 points lower and dipped below the 9,000 mark. Fortunately, the panic subsided and bottom fishers pushed both indices back to their opening levels. Volume was very heavy, and this could turn out to be a selling climax, providing there are no more shocks.

The economic news is not bad. The business confidence number was down from 109 to 106, but this was considerably less than indicated by a previous survey conducted by the University of Michigan. Housing starts rose 8 percent to over 1 million. It still looks as if the economy is recovering at about 3.5 percent, with better prospects for 2003.

Nevertheless, the indices continue to fall because investors have lost confidence in their companies' accounting practices. Elan is the next suspect, and even blue chips like IBM and GE are under suspicion. To make matters worse, investors no longer believe the analysts, who get paid $700,000 to $3 million a year, to say what they are told to say.

Loss of trust in companies and brokers is intangible, and for this reason, cannot easily be overcome. The SEC will have to reassure investors somehow, and analysts must now declare whether their investment house has any connection with the companies they recommend. More will have to be done, and it will take time to restore confidence. Once Wall Street bottoms out, the rest of the world will follow.

The dollar has been extremely weak. Against the euro and the pound, it has fallen about 9 percent, but it has held up against the peso, which is another weak currency. Five years ago, the baht was 25 and the peso 26; now, the baht is 41 and the peso 50. This is mainly due to our deficit overspending and I expect we will be downgraded shortly.

Turnover is now so low that the PSE will vote on whether to revert to the morning session. Personally, I think we should only open once a week. *(Send your comments to mrbearbull@hotmail.com)*

ang tan golf Club & Shares, Inc.
SEC Licensed Golf & Club Shares Brokers No. 10573
268 Kalentong Street, Mandaluyong City

SELLING:		BUYING:	
Alabang A/B	1.6M/1.7M	Baguio Country Club	720,000
Baguio Country Club	725,000	Canlubang Golf	550,000
Camp John Hay Golf	275,000	Capitol Hills	110,000
Canyon Woods	170,000	Celebrity	175,000
Capitol Hills	120,000	Club Filipino	190,000
Celebrity	160,000	CC at Tagaytay Highland	420,000
CC at Tagaytay Highland	435,000	Manila Golf (Indiv) & Corp	11M
Eagle Ridge A/B/C	330/430/500	Manila Polo	2.8M
Fontana A/B/C/D	Pls. Call	Makati Sports "A"/B	260,000/270,000
Forest Hills "A"/B/C	220/250/230	Mt. Malarayat "B"	400,000
Manila Golf Indiv & Corp	12M/14M	Mimosa Corp	275,000
Manila Southwoods A/B	615,000/730,000	Orchard A/B/C	200/200/350
Mimosa	135,000	Quezon City Sports	200,000
Mt. Malarayat A/C	300,000/450,000	Riviera "C"	350,000
Orchard "A"/B/C	210/250/350	Sta. Elena A/B	1,650,000/Pls. call
Puerto Azul	100,000	Valle Verde CC	165,000
Quezon City Sports	210,000	Valle Verde Cc 'Corp	250,000
Riviera "A"/B	180/300,000	Valley Golf	Please call
Royale Tagaytay	80,000	Wack Wack	7.1M
Sta. Elena A/B	1,650,000/Pls. call		
Sherwood	100,000		
[illegible]	[illegible]		
Tagaytay Highland Golf	850,000		
Wack Wack	7.2M		

Other shares & playing rights available!

Connie ang
Trading Manager/Real Estate Broker
Tagaytay Highlands Lot, Spa, House (Woodland House Corinthian 2651 Greenhills, Valle Verde 13M! Bel-Air, Dasma, Acrop, Laguna, Batangas, Cavite, Bulacan Rentals: Condo, Warehouse. Accept Listings for sale
Tels: (24 Hours)
253-0008 • 256-3188 • 256-6001 • 0918-3558877

FRANCISCO V. DEL ROSARIO HOLDINGS, INC.
OUR 20th Year
YOUR TRUSTED SPECIALIST BROKER SINCE 1982 • SEC License #2115
BUY/SELL COUNTRY CLUB SHARES
AS OF JUNE 28, 2002

		ASKED PRICE	BID PRICE
1	BUENAVISTA NATURE PARK & COUNTRY CLUB	Please call	
2	BAGUIO COUNTRY CLUB	-	720,000.00
3	CALATAGAN GOLF CLUB		70,000.00
4	CALIRAYA SPRING	please call	
5	CANLUBANG GOLF CLUB	-	550,000.00
6	COUNTRY CLUB AT TAGAYTAY	500,000.00	400,000.00
7	EASTRIDGE GOLF CLUB	200,000.00	-
8	FONTANA "D"	70,000.00	
9	MAKATI SPORTS CLUB "A"	-	270,000.00
10	MANILA GOLF CLUB (Ind.)		11,000,000.00
11	MANILA POLO CLUB (Corp.)	13,000,000.00	
12	MANILA POLO CLUB		2,750,000.00
13	MANILA SOUTHWOODS "A"	630,000.00	-
14	METRO CLUB "A"	100,000.00	
15	MIMOSA (Ind)	125,000.00	
16	MONTEMAR BEACH CLUB	35,000.00	
17	ORCHARD GOLF CLUB "A"	220,000.00	-
18	ORCHARD GOLF CLUB "B"	275,000.00	Please call
19	ORCHARD GOLF CLUB "C"	-	290,000.00
20	PHILIPPINE COLUMBIAN ASSOCIATION	60,000.00	
21	PUERTO AZUL BEACH CLUB "A"	100,000.00	
22	PUNTA FUEGO	650,000.00	
23	QUEZON CITY SPORTS CLUB	230,000.00	
24	RIVIERA GOLF CLUB "A"	200,000.00	
25	RIVIERA GOLF CLUB "B"	250,000.00	
26	RIVIERA GOLF CLUB "C"	350,000.00	
27	SHERWOOD HILLS "A"	100,000.00	
28	SHERWOOD HILLS "B"	190,000.00	
29	SPA & LODGE	670,000.00	Please call
30	STA. ELENA GOLF CLUB "A"	Please call	1,650,000.00
31	SPLENDIDO	1,000,000.00	Please call
32	SUBIC YACHT CLUB (Ind.)	200,000.00	
33	TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS GOLF CLUB	900,000.00	
34	THE COUNTRY CLUB	2,500,000.00	Please call
35	VALLE VERDE COUNTRY CLUB	165,000.00	
36	VALLEY GOLF CLUB		250,000.00
37	WACK WACK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	7,000,000.00	
38	OTHERS	Please call	

PLAYING RIGHTS ALSO AVAILABLE

ALABANG COUNTRY CLUB	P 20,000.00	TAGAYTAY GOLF CLUB	40,000.00
CALATAGAN GOLF CLUB	free rental	TAGAYTAY MIDLANDS	40,000.00
COUNTRY CLUB AT TAGAYTAY	20,000.00	VALLEY GOLF CLUB	15,000.00
MAKATI SPORTS CLUB	20,000.00	WACK WACK GOLF CLUB	60,000.00
MANILA SOUTHWOODS	30,000.00	ORCHARD GOLF CLUB	20,000.00
STA. ELENA GOLF CLUB	80,000.00	OTHERS	Please call

AMELIA B. MAGAT
Asst. Treas. / Comptroller
or call
ROMEO M. RIBAÑO / SHIONEL PIGA / REYNALDO CUEVAS
Ground Floor, Tuscan Building, 114 Herrera Street
Legaspi Village, Makati City
Tels 818-6991 • 818-6936 • 818-6948 Fax 818-5453
E-mail address: fvrh@info.com.ph

G & W clubshares
SEC License Broker No.: A-17597
As of July 1, 2002

CLUB	SELLER	BUYER
Alabang Country Club "A"	1,620,000	Pls. Call
Alta Vista	-	300,000
Baguio Country Club	720,000	700,000
Camp John Hay	280,000	-
Capitol Hills Golf & CC A/B*	130,000	150,000*
Canyon Woods	190,000	-
Calatagan Golf Club	100,000	-
City Sports Club	830,000	Pls. Call
Club Filipino	180,000	-
Eagleridge "A"/"C"*	330,000/600,000*	-
Eastridge	200,000	-
Evercrest	100,000	-
Fairways & Blue Waters	500,000	-
Fontana D/C	90,000/140,000	Pls. Call
Forest Hills "A"	230,000	-
Manila Golf Indi/Corp.*	Pls. Call*	11,000,000
Manila Polo	-	2,750,000
Makati Sports Club A/B	Pls. Call	-
Manila Southwoods A/B*	650,000/750,000*	700,000*
Metropolitan Club	100,000	90,000
Mimosa Golf Ind./C3*	140,000/300,000*	265,000*
Mt. Malarayat	350,000	-
Orchard Golf	250,000/340,000*	-
Phil. Columbian	80,000	60,000
Puerto Azul "A"/"B"*	120,000/150,000*	-
Quezon City Sports Club "A"	210,000	-
Riviera Golf "A"/"C"*	190,000/450,000*	-
Riviera Golf "B"	250,000	-
Royale Tagaytay A/C	90,000/140,000	-
Sherwoods A/B*	105,000/Pls. Call*	-
Sta. Elena Golf "A"	1,640,000	Pls. Call
Subic Bay Yacht Club "Corp"	330,000	-
Subic Golf	180,000	-
Tagaytay Country Club	430,000	400,000
Tagaytay Highlands Golf & CC	900,000	840,000
Tagaytay Midlands	Pls. Call	770,000
Valley Golf & CC	-	250,000
Valle Verde (Indv.)	-	150,000
Wack Wack Golf	7,400,000	-

FREE PLAYING RIGHTS AVAILABLE Looking For Forest Hills Inactive Share
Tel. 6436309/Tel. No. 6359918/6359834/6359725/0919-7041848/0917-8191914
Mon. - Fri.: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Sat.: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Unit 1402 Medical Plaza Ortigas, San Miguel Avenue, Pasig City

shareXCHANGE
OVER 25 YEARS IN COMBINED CLUB SHARES EXPERIENCE | SEC LIC # 99

Partial List: Please Call For Other Clubs ● 06/28/02

	SELLING AT	BUYING AT	Last Date at Same Asked Price
1. ALABANG "A"	1,700,000	1,600,000	Jan95
2. BAGUIO CC	CALL NOW	740,000	July95
3. CALATAGAN GC "A"	90,000	------	May93
4. CAMP JOHN HAY	300,000	280,000	—
5. CANLUBANG GC	625,000	------	Dec 90
6. CANYON WOODS	200,000	------	—
7. CAPITOL HILLS	130,000	------	July 91
8. CC AT TAGAYTAY	450,000	CALL NOW	<Pre-sell
9. CELEBRITY CLUB	CALL NOW	165,000	Nov 96
10. EAGLERIDGE "A"	------	300,000	—
11. EAGLERIDGE "B"	500,000	------	—
12. FOREST HILLS "B"	300,000	------	July00
13. MANILA POLO CLUB	3,000,000	2,750,000	March95
14. MLA.SOUTHWOODS "A"	670,000	------	<Pre-sell
15. MLA.SOUTHWOODS "B"	------	750,000	—
16. ORCHARD GCC "A"	230,000	------	<Pre-sell
17. PUNTAFUEGO	CALL NOW	------	—
18. RIVIERA GCC "A"	CALL NOW	------	<Pre-sell
19. STA. ELENA "A"	------	CALL NOW	—
20. SUBIC BAY YACHT (CORP)	350,000	------	—
21. TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS	850,000	820,000	July95
22. TAGAYTAY MIDLANDS	------	800,000	—
23. THE COUNTRY CLUB	CALL NOW	------	—
24. VALLEY GOLF	------	250,000	—
25. WACK WACK GOLF	CALL NOW	6,875,000	Mar98

AVAILABLE LESSORS FOR PLAYING RIGHTS

ALABANG CC "A"	25,000	RIVIERA CC "A"	15,000
CC AT TAGAYTAY	20,000	STA. ELENA "A"	65,000
EAGLERIDGE "A"	10,000	TAGAYTAY H'LANDS	35,000
MANILA GOLF	400,000	TAGAYTAY MIDLANDS	30,000
MIMOSA (INDIV)	5,000	WACK WACK GOLF	90,000

A partial list of shareXCHANGE Clubs

CLUB OFFERED	IN EXCHANGE FOR	CLUB OFFERED	IN EXCHANGE FOR
CANYON WOODS	CC @ TAGAYTAY	CELEBRITY	VALLE VERDE
CAPITOL HILLS	FOREST HILLS "A"	ORCHARD "A"	STA. ELENA "A"
CELEBRITY	BAGUIO CC	PUERTO AZUL	VALLE VERDE

TERE TABUENA, LYRA, LEIZA, NICOLE, FRANCO DEL ROSARIO
0918-9043308 | 809-8233 | 809-8263 | 850-5870 - 71
E-mail: clubshar@evoserve.com | FAX: 809-8074

Stock investors still looking for reasons to unleash cash

From page B1

days (of last week) have not been significant and have not had large volumes," Rommel Macapagal of Westlink Global Equities Inc. said.

"It will stop falling, but there is no impetus for it to move up," Macapagal said, adding that "the bottoming out that I'm seeing is just a sideways (movement)."

He expressed hope that the market would pick up after the release of favorable first-half and second-quarter corporate results in the coming days.

DBS Vickers Securities Inc. associate director Enrique Sta. Ana said lack of investor interest despite good economic fundamentals would likely keep the market sluggish.

"There might be further weakness but not as strong as previous sell-offs," Sta. Ana said.

He said although the market was ready for a rally on account of its liquidity, not too many investors would find reasons to loosen their pockets.

One big deterrent is an accounting scandal that is now hounding telecom giant WorldCom Inc. The global telecommunications firm has admitted disguising nearly $4 billion in expenses since January 2001.

"If America can fall victim to something like that, what more other countries like ours?" Sta. Ana asked.

He said with the 1,075-point low under the Estrada administration already breached, the stock market's next support level should be at 980, a level hit after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States.

Sta. Ana said apart from bad news coming from the United States, uncertainties hounding index heavyweights like Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. and Manila Electric Co. were also casting a long shadow over the market.

PLDT is being rocked by an ownership squabble after tycoon John Gokongwei Jr. launched a bid to take a controlling stake in the country's No. 1 telecom company.

The outlook on Meralco, on the other hand, is clouded by doubts over the company's petition for a rates increase. On Friday, President Macapagal-Arroyo vowed to "squeeze blood from stone" to cut high electricity rates that had caused her political stock to dwindle less than two years before the next presidential election.

Philstocks.net said, meanwhile, that the market was still awaiting a long overdue technical rebound.

"The market is getting very oversold, and the backdrop of a series of negative news are telling us that we may finally be getting to the point where a short term bottom could be set. With interest rates still remaining low, this has opened an opportunity for selective accumulation," it said.

"We would still caution against aggressive buying just because the market has suffered a steep decline. Unless there is a shift in investors' sentiments, a technical rally could actually turn out to be a bear trap as the market may resume its path lower after only a brief respite. The market has still been demonstrating a tendency to sell quickly into rallies, a reflection of a broad lack of faith in any potential market turnaround," it added. ***Doris C. Dumlao, AFP***

GG & A Club Shares
SEC License Broker #007575 • As of July 1, 2002

CLUB	BUYER	SELLER
Alabang Country Club "A" (Filipino)	1,500,000	1,650,000
Alabang Country Club "B" (Foreigner)	-	2,000,000
Baguio Country Club	700,000	740,000
Calatagan Golf Club "A"		95,000
Calatagan Golf Club "B"	-	110,000
Camp John Hay	240,000	290,000
Canlubang	500,000	600,000
Canyonwoods	Please Call	200,000
Capitol Hills	115,000	130,000
Celebrity Sports Club		180,000
Eagle Ridge "A"/"B"/"C"	Please Call	Please Call
Eastridge "A"	-	200,000
Evercrest "A"	-	100,000
Forest Hills "A"	200,000	220,000
Forest Hills "B"	230,000	250,000
Forest Hills "C"	250,000	260,000
Makati Sports Club "A"	250,000	280,000
Makati Sports Club "B"	Please Call	-
Manila Golf (Corporate)	-	14,000,000
Manila Golf (Individual)	Please Call	14,000,000
Manila Polo	2,750,000	2,850,000
Manila Southwoods "A"	Please Call	650,000
Manila Southwoods "B"	750,000	Please Call
Metropolitan Club "A"	-	120,000
Montemar (Individual)	30,000	40,000
Montemar (Corp)	60,000	-
Mt. Malarayat (Corporate)	-	550,000
Orchard Golf Club "A"	200,000	250,000
Orchard Golf Club "B"	-	250,000
Orchard Golf Club "C"	-	Please Call
Pueblo de Oro "A"/"B"/"C"	-	Please Call
Puerto Azul	-	125,000
Quezon City Sports Club	200,000	220,000
Riviera Golf & Country Club "A"	-	Please Call
Rockwell	350,000	450,000
Sherwood Hills "A"	-	100,000
Sta. Elena "A"	1,625,000	1,850,000
Sta. Elena "B"		2,100,000
Subic Bay Yacht (Corporate)		300,000
Subic Bay Yacht (Individual)		170,000
Tagaytay Country Club	400,000	450,000
Tagaytay Highlands	800,000	875,000
Tagaytay Midlands	800,000	-
The Country Club	Please Call	Please Call
Valle Verde (Individual)	-	170,000
Valley Golf	250,000	-
Wack-Wack Golf Club	6,800,000	7,500,000

PLAYING RIGHTS (Available Lessors)

Alabang "A"	25,000	Mimosa Golf	25,000
Calatagan "A"	10,000	Orchard "A"	30,000
Canlubang	60,000	Riviera "A"	15,000
Eagleridge	15,000	Sta. Elena	60,000
Eastridge "A"	20,000	Tagaytay CC	20,000
Forest Hills	30,000	Tagaytay Golf	45,000
Manila Southwoods	20,000	Tagaytay Mid.	35,000
Makati Sports "A"	25,000	Valley Golf	20,000
Manila Golf	300,000	Wack-Wack	90,000

For more information, please call:
MAKATI 840-1761 • Fax 894-3021 / 750-7894
ALABANG 850-8223 • Fax 772-1817
or e-mail at: ggashare@mozcom.com
Penthouse Pacific Star Bldg., Sen. Gil Puyat cor. Makati Ave., Makati City
GET OUR LATEST CLUB SHARE QUOTES BY TEXTING GGA HELP
to 2333 for GLOBE Handyphone subscribers
or 288 for Smart Gold & Buddy subscribers
Visit us at www.ggaclubshares.com

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of Friday, June 28, 2002)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Banco De Oro Univ. Bank	17.75	19	17.75	18.75	543,600
Bank of the Phil. Islands	47.5	48.5	47	48	1,300,900
China Banking Corp.	630	630	630	630	2,900
Chinatrust Comm. Bank	18	18	18	18	1,000
Citystate Savings Bank	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.25	2,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	31	31.5	31	31.5	187,000
First E-Bank Corp.	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	60,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	33	34	33	33.5	780,900
Philippine National Bank	35	35	33	34	55,700
Phil. Savings Bank	26.5	28	26.5	28	600
Security Bank Corp.	14	14	14	14	102,000
Union Bank of the Phil.	20.5	20.5	19.75	19.75	89,100
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Filipino Fund Inc.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	60,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1380	1400	1380	1390	2,840
Sun Life Financial Serv.	1075	1080	1075	1080	17,340
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	22.75	22.75	22.75	22.75	1,000
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.71	0.72	0.7	0.7	660,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	550	550	520	520	55,790
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.031	0.031	0.031	0.031	500,000
Ism Communications Corp.	0.031	0.031	0.03	0.03	5,000,000
Piltel	0.33	0.36	0.33	0.34	4,470,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	372.5	380	370	370	217,870
Ivantage Corp.	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	10,000
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.014	0.014	0.013	0.014	87,400,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	21	21	20.75	20.75	18,900
Manila Electric Co. B	30.5	30.5	29	29.5	1,663,000
Petron Corp.	1.68	1.72	1.68	1.7	5,607,000
Salcon Power Corp.	1.66	1.68	1.66	1.68	150,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	20,000
Transportation Services					
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	2.46	2.48	2.4	2.44	1,095,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.38	0.4	0.38	0.4	490,000
William, Gothong & Aboitiz	2.26	2.26	2.26	2.26	75,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Phil Nat'l Const. Corp.	3.15	3.15	3.05	3.05	150,000
Republic Glass Hldg. Corp	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	150,000
Union Cement Corp.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	300,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	2.28	2.3	2.28	2.3	60,000
Cosmos Bottling Corp.	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	8,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	13.25	13.25	13.25	13.25	59,300
La Tondena Distillers Inc.	33	33	33	33	54,200
Swift Food, Inc.	1.12	1.12	1.1	1.1	8,000
San Miguel Corp. A	48.5	48.5	47.5	48.5	357,200
San Miguel Corp. B	52	52	51	51	384,000
Universal Robina Corp.	4.55	4.55	4.4	4.55	154,000
Vitarich Corp.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	240,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Ayala Corp.	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.1	1,133,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	2.3	2.3	2.28	2.28	1,623,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	3,000,000
Atn Holdings Inc.	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	40,000
Balabac Resources & Hldgs	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	200,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.39	0.4	0.35	0.35	10,580,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	100,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	2,050,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	21	21	20.25	20.5	104,400
Global Equities Inc.	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.105	10,000
Ionics Inc.	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.1	23,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.6	1.6	1.58	1.6	2,300,000
Macroasia Corp.	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	40,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.71	0.72	0.7	0.72	2,640,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.29	0.29	0.28	0.28	2,190,000
Unioil Res. & Holdings Co.	0.032	0.032	0.032	0.032	100,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	600,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Active Alliance Inc.	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	20,000
Corro-Coat Inc.	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	5,000
Lmg Chemicals Corp.	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	12,521,000
Metro Alliance Holdings	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	20,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.0525	0.0525	0.0525	0.0525	500,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	0.31	0.32	0.31	0.32	1,390,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	240,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	0.24	0.24	0.23	0.23	400,000
Mondragon Intl Phils Inc.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	250,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	420,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	22.5	22.5	22.25	22.5	231,700
Globe Telecom Hldg (Pdr)	640	640	635	635	660
PLDT (10% Pref) Series T	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	100
PLDT (10% Pref.) Series U	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	400
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	100
PLDT 10% Pref Series Bb	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	200
OTHERS					
Centro Escolar University	8	8	8	8	1,000
Far Eastern University	425	425	425	425	270
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.6	7,929,000
Cityland Development Corp.	2.02	2.02	2.02	2.02	38,000
Cebu Holdings, Inc.	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	320,000
C & P Homes, Inc.	0.195	0.195	0.195	0.195	200,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	150,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	800,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	2.26	2.3	2.22	2.28	5,157,000
Highlands Prime Leisure	1.64	1.74	1.62	1.74	560,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	250,000
MRC Allied Ind. Inc.	0.085	0.085	0.08	0.08	6,100,000
SM Development Corp.	0.86	0.89	0.86	0.89	60,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.5	6,991,000
Universal Rightfield Prop	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	600,000
MINING					
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	1,000,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	190,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.205	0.205	0.205	0.205	810,000
Polar Mines & Dev't Corp.	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	100,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	150,000
OIL					
Interport Res. B	0.0034	0.0034	0.0034	0.0034	3,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	3,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	6,000,000
Pacifica	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011	1,000,000
Sinophil Corp.	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	300,000
Vulcan Ind'l	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	20,000

SHARES	VALUE (P)	
Banks & Fin Svc	5,205,880	171,028,175.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	152,092,090	277,703,985.00
PRO	29,155,000	96,336,980.00
Mining	2,250,000	252,050.00
OIL	13,320,000	63,400.00
GRAND TOTALS :	202,022,970	545,384,590.00
AVERAGES		
Banks & Fin Svc	464.92	UP 5.14
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,600.98	DOWN 13.14
PRO	509.53	UP 5.27
Mining	1,240.40	DOWN 20.48
OIL	1.33	DOWN 0.02
All Shares Index	700.78	UP 5.46
Composite	1,156.35	DOWN 1.46

NO. OF ADVANCES: 27; NO. OF DECLINES: 25; NO. OF UNCHANGED: 51;
NO. OF TRADED ISSUES: 103; NO. OF TRADES: 2,258

CURRENCIES

June 28, 2002 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Foreign currency in US$	Foreign currency in Peso
United States	Dollar	1.011941	1.000000	50.4180
Japan	Yen	0.008465	0.008365	0.4217
United Kingdom	Pound	1.546853	1.528600	77.0690
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.129738	0.128207	6.4639
Switzerland	Franc	0.679794	0.671772	33.8694
Canada	Dollar	0.669317	0.661419	33.3474
Singapore	Dollar	0.572624	0.565867	28.5299
Australia	Dollar	0.570751	0.564016	28.4366
Bahrain	Dinar	2.684336	2.652661	133.7419
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.269829	0.266645	13.4437
Brunei	Dollar	0.571298	0.564557	28.4638
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000117	0.000116	0.0058
Thailand	Baht	0.024337	0.024050	1.2126
UAE	Dirham	0.275523	0.272272	13.7274
Korea	Won	0.000852	0.000842	0.0425
Euro	Euro	1.000000	0.988200	49.8231
Argentina	Peso	0.267003	0.263852	13.3029
Brazil	Real	0.352347	0.348189	17.5550
Denmark	Kroner	0.134621	0.133032	6.7072
India	Rupee	0.020754	0.020509	1.0340
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.266336	0.263193	13.2697
Mexico	New Peso	0.101984	0.100781	5.0812
New Zealand	Dollar	0.495952	0.490100	24.7099
Norway	Kroner	0.135135	0.133540	6.7328
Pakistan	Rupee	0.016994	0.016793	0.8467
South Africa	Rand	0.097725	0.096572	4.8690
Sweden	Kroner	0.110035	0.108737	5.4823
Syria	Pound	0.019687	0.019455	0.9809
Taiwan	NT Dollar	0.030298	0.029940	1.5095
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000758	0.000749	0.0378

Ihap, PCD ink fixed-income securities deal

THE INVESTMENT Houses Association of the Philippines and Philippine Central Depository Inc. agreed last week to establish an infrastructure for scripless settlement of fixed-income securities.

The settlement infrastructure is seen enhancing liquidity and consequently increase the attractiveness of the local fixed-income securities market to investors and encourage more corporate borrowers to issue debt papers.

It is also designed to reduce settlement risks brought about by the current paper-based settlement process and to reduce costs of financial intermediaries.

"It is necessary to establish an orderly, secure and efficient securities depository, clearing and settlement infrastructure to promote the active trading of registered fixed-income securities in the secondary market, where holders and investors of these fixed-income securities can participate in such transactions in a controlled and risk-mitigated environment," Ihap and PCD said in a memorandum of understanding.

The two organizations said there was a need "to develop a secondary market for registered fixed-income securities in order to provide liquidity to holders of registered fixed income securities and thus promote further development of the market's breadth and depth."

Under the agreement, Ihap will recognize PCD as its accredited securities clearing agency, central depository and systems provider to the association's members for transactions regarding registered fixed-income securities.

Ihap members may apply to become participants in PCD subject to PCD's application procedures and conditions. *Elena R. Torrijos*

PETPlans sales up 41% in 5 months

PETPlans Inc., one of the country's leading pre-need companies, posted a 41-percent growth in new sales (initial cash brought in, or ICBI) for the first five months of the year over the same period last year.

In May alone, over P18 million in ICBI was delivered, a 105-percent growth over the same period last year.

Lorenzo Ocampo, PETPlans executive vice president, attributed the phenomenal sales growth to "aggressive and effective" sales and marketing programs and company-wide efforts at service-delivery improvements.

"Our business partners are now more aware of how their sales efforts directly translate to their income. This is largely a result of our business partnership program launched barely two years ago," Ocampo said.

PETPlans' "business partnership program," launched in early 2000, is an innovative sales force management strategy that treats agents not as mere agents but as business partners who have as much stake in the company as shareholders and employees.

"We have also made significant inroads in the way we provide services to both our business partners and planholders. Our efforts at business process reengineering and intensive preparation for ISO certification have moved our servicing-capability closer to international standards," Ocampo said.

Another factor that contributed to the phenomenal jump in sales was the company's sustained efforts at expansion.

Eight service centers were added to PETPlans' already extensive branch network—the industry's second largest.

BCDA issues rules on Heritage Park

THE BASES Conversion Development Authority has released the terms of reference containing the guidelines and procedures in the underwriting of memorial investment certificates for Heritage Park.

Some 6,621 investment certificates are up for bidding by the BCDA. These are expected to raise an estimated P1.2 billion.

The investment certificates for this offering correspond to a 2.28-hectare Heritage Park Property that will be developed into estate plots, family gardens, lawns, headstone gardens, wall crypts, small plots and markers. Most of these are new products.

A Heritage Park certificate entitles the holder to the perpetual interment right of a lot. It also entitles the holder to the enjoyment of the common amenities, facilities, services and perpetual care of the Heritage Park.

The Heritage Park is right within the heart of Metro Manila and a few kilometers from the Bonifacio Global City

The Philippines' Top Corporations rely on Contel

TI TEXAS INSTRUMENTS
TOYOTA
SKYCABLE®
HOME CABLE
HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS
SM
IBM®
IBM Solutions Delivery, Incorporated

CONTEL
Talk More. Pay Less.
The Pioneer and Leader in Dispatch Communications

7224 Malugay St., Makati City, Metro Manila
Tel. # : 843-0281 to 88
Fax # : 818-3078
E-Mail : sales@contel.com.ph

Following the strictest standards, the country's top companies go about their day-to-day operations like clockwork.

Thanks in part to Contel's trunked radio network. A cutting edge network built for mission critical operations that lets them act quickly to any given situation. Plus, a fixed monthly rate with no extra charges gives them unlimited airtime to get the job done. With Contel, these companies are empowered to be on top of every facet of their business.

The country's top companies demand the best in communications. Contel answers the call with expertise backed by 40 years of experience.

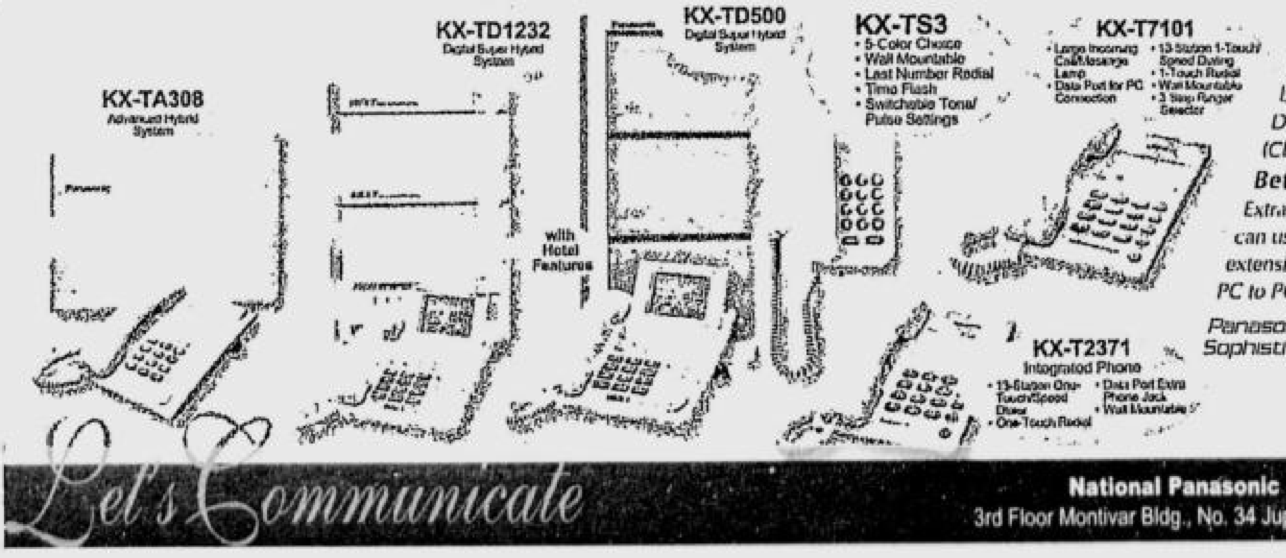
Call us today and discover what Contel Trunked Radios can do for your business.

Phone.
Megaphone.

Let Panasonic's Super Hybrid Telephone System give your company three reasons to communicate with efficiency and quality.

Achieve FLEXIBILITY
greater reach is possible with a maximum of 512 ports that's expandable from 8 telephones and 8 CO lines to as many as 448 extensions and 192 CO lines for the KX-TD500 model, minimum of 8 CO lines for 16 extensions to as many as 24 CO lines for 96 extensions for our KX-TD1232 model. For small office use, experience flexibility and expandability at an affordable cost with our KX-TA308 which can handle 3 CO lines for 8 extensions expandable up to 6 CO lines for 24 extensions.

When you want to do more with a single line.



Increase SPEED
save time and money by having the capability to dial an extension located at a branch. And lessen workload to operators and receptionist by letting ISDN add more capability to incoming call handing. With Direct Dialing In (IDD) and Calling Line Identification Presentation (CLIP), users can call extensions directly.

Better MOBILITY
Extra Device Port(XDP) lets you add a separate extension so you can use other communication devices simultaneously, doubling your extension capability so you can fax a document or transfer file from PC to PC without interrupting your telephone conversation.

Panasonic's Digital Super Hybrid System...
Sophisticated communication designed to anticipate the future.

Panasonic
PABX & Integrated Telephone Systems

Let's Communicate

National Panasonic Sales Philippines (Division of Matsushita Electric Philippines Corporation)
3rd Floor Montivar Bldg., No. 34 Jupiter cor. Planet Sts., Bel-Air IV, Makati City Tel. Nos. 899-4595 to 98 • Fax No. 897-4558

Ex-Unitrust president charged for estafa, abuse of confidence

By Elena R. Torrijos

THE MAKATI City prosecutor's office has indicted former Unitrust Development Bank president Francis Yuseco Jr. and four others for estafa and abuse of confidence.

The indictment stems from a complaint filed by G. Cosmos Philippines Inc. chair Genta Ogami, who claims he owns all of Unitrust.

In his complaint, Ogami said Yuseco, lawyers Leopoldo Valcarcel Jr., Wilfredo Cuneta and Pedro Montanez, and former associate Kensuko Inoue violated their authority when they purchased Unitrust in his behalf and then claimed ownership of the bank.

Ogami informed the court that to comply with Philippine laws, he agreed that his two Japanese companies—G. Universal Co. Ltd. and Minamoto Salken Kaishu Co. Ltd.—together with Yuseco, Valcarcel and Montanez would own 20 percent each of Unitrust.

Ogami complained that Yuseco and Cuneta misrepresented the true selling price of Unitrust and, to make things worse, Yuseco, Valcarcel and Montanez ousted his representatives to the Unitrust board. These acts, he charged, constituted a conspiracy to commit estafa.

Ogami had included former Philippine Stock Exchange president Jose Luis Yulo, who led a group of shareholders in UDB that sold their shares in the bank, but Makati second assistant prosecutor Emmanuel Medina dismissed the case against Yulo.

Medina ruled that Yulo was unaware of the arrangements between Ogami and the Yuseco-Inoue group.

Ogami himself, however, has reportedly been involved in a mail-fraud case in Japan.

"Ogami was able to clearly show that the funds used to purchase Unitrust are from companies wherein he has interests, while the responding trio of Yuseco, Cuneta and Valcarcel satisfied themselves with mere denials and/or keeping silent on the source of funds used to purchase Unitrust," Medina said.

Inoue and Montanez failed to answer Ogami's complaint.

Medina cited, in particular, a deal between Yuseco and Ogami to determine Unitrust's ownership.

"Why accept a mere P13-million settlement compensation for shares of stock they claim they bought for P101 million, or P70 million each, whichever the case may be?" Medina asked.

"From the foregoing, it is clear from the unity of purpose and action among the five respondents that a conspiracy exists to commit as they, in fact, committed estafa with abuse of discretion against the complainant, Ogami, in the purchase of Unitrust," Medina said.

SEC goes after 100 clients involved in BW stock scam

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission is going after 100 clients of brokers involved in the BW Resources Corp. stock fraud scandal through administrative penalties.

In a news briefing on Thursday, SEC compliance and enforcement department director Tomas Syquia said the SEC was fining these clients for their alleged role in manipulating BW's stock prices through illegal practices like wash sales and matched orders.

Syquia told reporters that instead of contesting the administrative penalties, 66 of the clients had opted to enter into settlements with the commission.

He expressed optimism that the rest would follow suit.

The SEC has collected around P5 million from the 66 clients, bringing its total take from settlements with individuals and companies involved in the BW case to over P18 million.

The commission earlier collected some P13.5 million from around 70 brokers that earlier agreed to settle their cases amicably.

Syquia said BW majority owner Dante Tan, who had been charged with masterminding the stock fraud scam, was not among the clients who sought to settle their cases.

"They (lawyers of Tan) wanted to negotiate (a settlement), but we told them we don't have jurisdiction. It's up to the Department of Justice," Syquia said.

DTI set on forming 2 more exporters of CBU vehicles

THE DEPARTMENT of Trade and Industry is planning to create two more exporters of completely built-up vehicles in the country through proposed reforms in the country's Motor Vehicle Development Program.

While refusing to reveal the specific changes to be adopted in the revised MVDP, Trade Secretary Manuel Roxas II said the new policy would be geared toward encouraging existing vehicle assemblers to export CBUs overseas.

Roxas said only Ford Motor Co. Philippines Inc. currently had CBU export capability.

He said he hoped that one or two more assemblers would start shipping CBUs out of the Philippines.

Japanese assemblers currently export only automotive parts under the Asean Industrial Cooperation agreement.

Ford, through its $1.2-billion Aico project, is set to produce Ford Laser sedans and Escape sport utility vehicles in the Philippines to be swapped with Ford Ranger pickup trucks from Thailand.

Ford is expected to ship out 65,000 vehicles to Thailand and Indonesia over the next five years.

The trade department is set to abolish the local content and foreign exchange requirements by July 2003, which has compelled assemblers to use more local automotive parts and generate overseas sales to offset their import costs. *Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.*

Megaworld sets opening of Malate hotel in October

PROPERTY developer Megaworld Corp. is set to open in October its P3-billion Marina Richmonde Hotel in Malate, Manila, formerly known as the Sheraton Marina flagship project of BW Resources Corp.

In an interview, Megaworld chair and chief executive Andrew Tan said the new complex, which would offer 165 rooms, was almost complete.

He added that the hotel was renamed Marina Richmonde because it would now be managed by Megaworld's own company that operated the Richmonde Hotel in Ortigas.

Although the hotel industry has remained sluggish to date, Tan said, Megaworld views the project as a long-term investment.

He said the lease contract with state-owned Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. should also boost the new hotel's occupancy rate, apart from providing recurrent revenues.

"Most of the casino patrons are foreigners, so that will automatically help our occupancy because I understand that Pagcor is very aggressive in promoting Philippine casinos in the overseas market," Tan said.

Pagcor is set to occupy about 10,000 square meters of the hotel for a new casino.

Tan said the bulk of Megaworld's P2-billion capital spending last year was devoted to the construction of the new hotel.

Alcordo appointed energy consultant

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has appointed the National Power Corp.'s president on leave, Jesus Alcordo, as an adviser to the energy department with a rank equivalent to an undersecretary, according to Energy Secretary Vincent Perez Jr.

He said the new post should place Alcordo in a position to help in restructuring the power industry.

Alcordo himself confirmed his appointment.

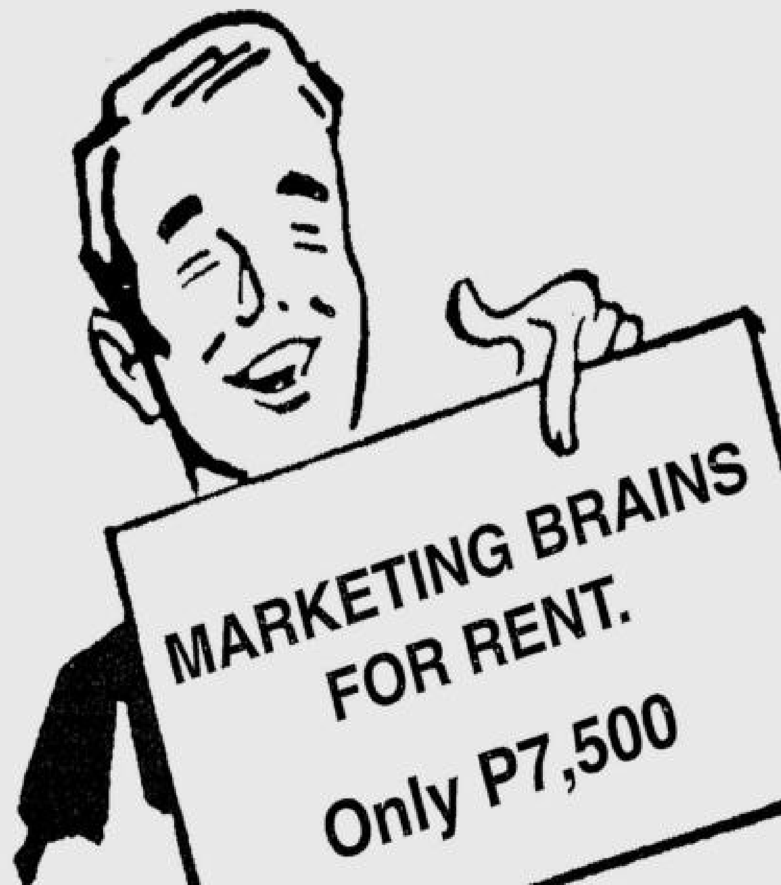
"I accepted the new position since I've been helping all along. There's not much difference," he told the INQUIRER.

Alcordo declined to give more details about his appointment.

"I guess it is effective immediately," he said.

Alcordo resigned as Napocor president in November but stayed upon the request of Ms Macapagal.

The President, however, allowed Alcordo to take a leave of absence to settle a conflict of interest regarding his family's involvement in a US-based energy firm. *Ronnel W. Domingo*



Borrow the best minds in the world of business as they share their thoughts on how to pull through and succeed in these tough economic times.

Everything is all set for the 33rd Philippine Marketing Association (PMA) National Marketing Conference which will be held on July 3 and 4, 2002 at the Grand Ballroom of the Westin Philippine Plaza Hotel.

This year's theme is "Winning in Tough Times: Stand Out or Lose Out." It is a celebration of case studies on companies and organizations that have gone against the grain, beaten the odds and won.

JOSIAH GO, President of Mansmith and Fielders, will tackle **The Recessionary Marketing Plan: Playing To Win**

DR. F. LANDA JOCANO, Executive Director of Punlad Research House, will reveal **Filipino Values: How Filipinos Handle Change**

AUGUSTUS CAEZAR JEREOS, Vice-President and Trade Marketing Sales Services Director of Coca-Cola Bottlers Philippines, will share his expertise on **Channel Marketing: Reaching Out To Your Customers**

SAMIE LIM, Chairman of Philippine Franchise Center, will unravel **Uncommon Strategic Alliances**

GRACE MAGNO, Marketing Director of Philippine Pizza, shall share her knowledge on **Market Leadership Through Product Innovation**

LIZA GOKONGWEI, Publisher of Summit Publishing, is set on **Changing The Rules Of The Game**

RAMON JIMENEZ, Joint CEO of Jimenez D'Arcy, shall share some tips on **Recognizing A Big Idea When You See One**

MARGOT TORRES, General Manager of Edsamail, will discuss **Leveraging Technology To Achieve Better Results For Your Brand**

HENRY TENEDERO, President of Center for Learning and Teaching Styles, shows the ropes in **Making It Happen**

Finally, **HON. RICHARD GORDON**, Secretary of Department of Tourism, fires up everything with the battlecry, **Beating All Odds**

**HER EXCELLENCY,
PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**
will deliver the
KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Don't miss this incredible chance to learn to win in an ever changing market!

Register before June 30 with the regular rate of P7, 500 per delegate or On-site on July 2 & 3 for P9, 500 per delegate. For more details, please call Lydia, Rose, or Marjorie at telephone no. 893-7127, 892-3144, or 813-0466. You can also email your inquiries to pma@philonline.com or visit our website at www.pma.philonline.com.

PHILIPPINE MARKETING
ASSOCIATION, INC.

Budget chief says May deficit still substantial

BUDGET Secretary Emilia Boncodin said the fiscal deficit in May remained huge, as the government continued to spend heavily without an improvement in revenue collection.

"In May, the government paid half of the Christmas bonus of the workforce. This alone entailed expenditures of about P8 billion. But I think the bigger picture started to improve in May, although the deceleration in the deficit and spending would start in June," Boncodin said in an interview.

The Department of Finance is scheduled to release figures on the budget deficit this week.

The fiscal deficit swelled to almost P83 billion in the first four months of the year, about 64 percent of this year's target of P130 billion.

Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho said the Development Budget Coordinating Committee had started to review targets set for 2003 to 2006. The medium-term plan to bring the deficit down to zero by 2006, however, was still intact, he said.

He said the new numbers, particularly for 2003, would have to be approved by the Cabinet before these could be presented to lawmakers for Congress' budget hearings.

The government's economic team is planning to raise next year's target to P120 billion—2.7 percent of gross national product—from P98.4 billion.

It is also looking at a higher target of P100 billion for 2004 from an earlier estimate of P43.8 billion. In 2005, the target being studied is P50 billion from an earlier forecast of P21.7 billion.

Camacho denied that the higher deficit targets being planned by the DBCC was meant to cushion an expected fiscal slippage this year.

Clarissa S. Batino

Now Available
ROBERT KIYOSAKI's
Rich Dad, Pood Dad's

- Cashflow 101 Educational Board Game
  The More You Play this Game the Richer You Become
- Cashflow 202
  Teaching You the Advanced Skills of Technical Investing
- Cashflow for Kids
  What the rich teach their kids about money
- The Business School book
  For People who like Helping People

We also handle INTERACTIVE Seminar Workshops for Paradigm Shifting, Goal Setting and wealth creation strategies for various Industries like MLM, Insurance, Real Estate etc.

VOLUME DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE!

Please call Jojo, Gaspé, Jenny or Becka at: Tel. 811-0052

www.agoracentral.com, Inc. • info@agoracentral.com

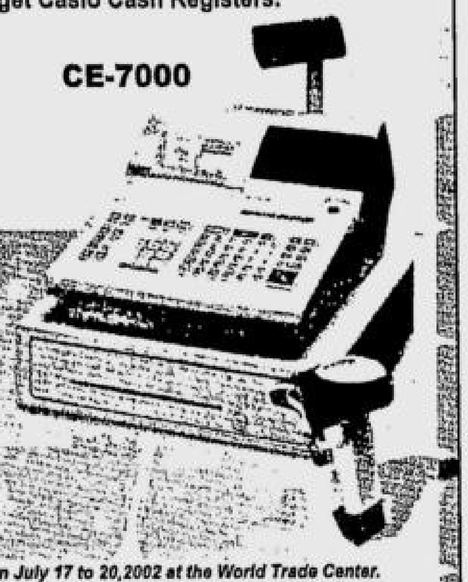
CASH IN ON A CASIO

If you want the right business tool that provides added security by monitoring cash and inventory, you should get Casio Cash Registers.

P34,995.00 Scanner not included Reg. Price -- P42,000.00

CE-7000

P51,995.00 PSC Scanner included Reg. Price -- P 62,000.00

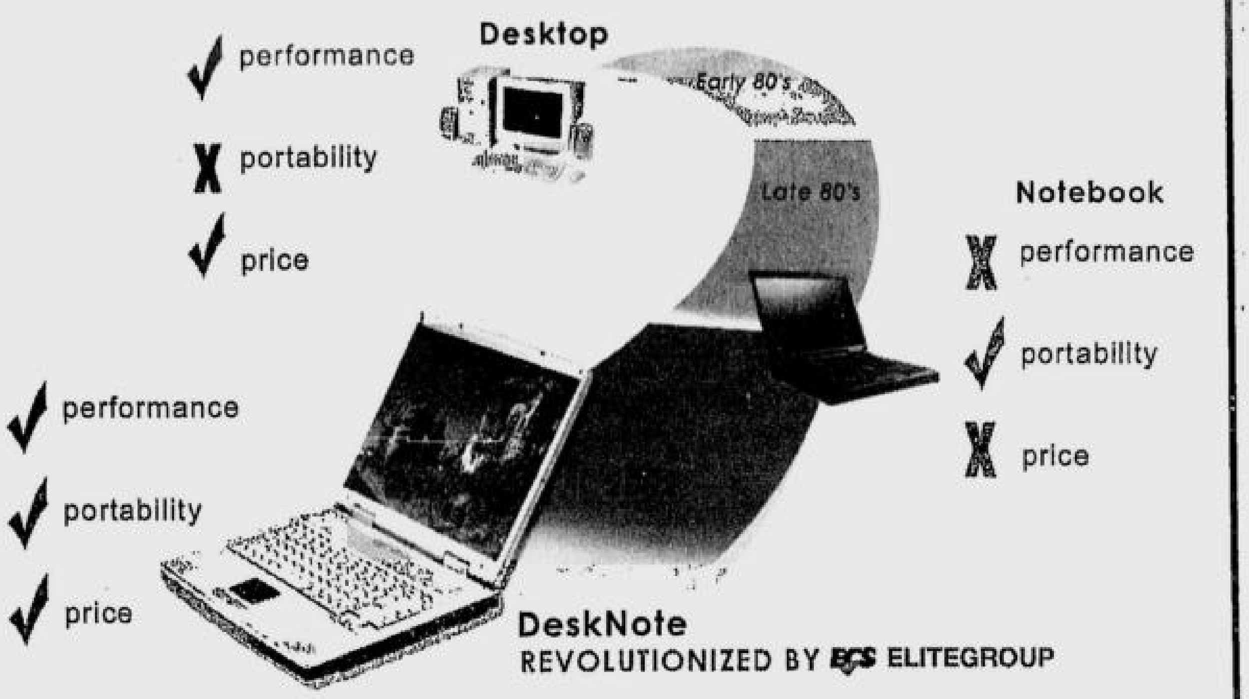


• PC Connection Direct or Via Modem
• Expandable up to 20,000 items with inventory monitoring
• Barcode Scanner Capable
Ideal for Supermarkets, Convenience Stores, Boutiques & Specialty Stores

Visit us at Shop Asia 2002 on July 17 to 20,2002 at the World Trade Center.
Casio Cash Registers are accredited by most major shopping malls.
Hurry! Promo period is from June 24 to July 31, 2002 only

Exclusively Distributed by:
ABSCOR ABENSON SALES CORPORATION HEAD OFFICE: 8th Floor Cityland 10 Tower, 6815 H. V. de la Costa St., corner Ayala Avenue, Salcedo Village, Makati City Tel. Nos.: 816-6371 to 75 Fax No.: 812-3871
Also available at: ELECTROWORLD SM City 927-9525 / 924-0014; SM Megamall 633-1624/25 632-9535; SM City Fairview 418-6064/418-6072; Sta. Lucia East 681-5304; Waltermart Makati 892-9119/20 844-0596; Parksquare 813-6154 813-2776; SM Manila 524-8310 / 524-7980 / 524-8315; New Farmers 911-1494 / 911-1099 / 911-1795; Alabang 850-9682 / 850-8708 Southmall 800-0408; Binondo 242-5490 / 242-5493; Southern Luzon Branches: Waltermart Sta. Rosa 549-1241 / 549-1250, Waltermart Calamba 545-1745, Dasmariñas Cavite 416-1327 / 416-2107. Satellite Branches: Abenson-Quad 894-0951; Sogo-Home & Office Festival Mall 850-3534 to 39; Automatic Center 816-3891/92, Visayas and Mindanao: Ayala Center Cebu 232-5960 / 232-5968; SM City Cebu 232-0751 / 232-1659, CDO Limketkai 856-2760 / 729-243; Cebu Jones 254-4927; Davao City 272-6201 / 221-0584
Per DTI-NCR Permit No 2394 Series of 2002

ECS DeskNote
The Next Generation PC



REVOLUTIONIZED BY ECS ELITEGROUP

Ages ago we thought that the biggest breakthrough in computer history will be the desktop PC's because of its computing power when in fact it is so bulky that it is practically immovable. Than comes the notebook PC's, which we admire for its portability but not for its power. But now comes ECS DeskNote, a Desktop PC inside a notebook body. ECS DeskNote gives you the same level of performance, upgradeability and price of a desktop plus the convenience and portability of a notebook. ECS brings you the future of computers... POWERFUL. PORTABLE. AFFORDABLE. REVOLUTIONARY.

DESKNOTE i-Buddie Series
www.desknote.com
Exclusive Distributor Axis
www.axisglobal.com

Power of a Desktop. Portability of a Notebook

i-Buddie 3V (A900)	i-Buddie 3C (A901)	i-Buddie 4 (A928)
VIA C3 1 Giga Pro CPU	Intel Celeron 1.1GHz	Intel Pentium 4 1.6 (max 2.8GHz)
14.1" XGA TFT LCD	14.1" XGA TFT LCD	14.1"/15.0" XGA TFT LCD
64MB Video Shared Memory	64MB Video Shared Memory	64MB Video Shared Memory
128MB SDRAM (max 512MB)	128MB SDRAM (max 512MB)	256DDR Memory (max 1GB)
10GB Hard Drive (max 40GB)	10GB Hard Drive (max 40GB)	10GB Hard Drive (max 40GB)
24X CD-ROM/8X DVD-ROM drive	24X CD-ROM/8X DVD-ROM drive	24X CD-ROM/8X DVD-ROM drive
USB Floppy disk drive	USB Floppy disk drive	USB Floppy disk drive
Internal Stereo Speakers	Internal Stereo Speakers	Internal Stereo Speakers
Built-in LAN/Modem	Built-in LAN/Modem	Built-in LAN/Modem
4 USB ports,1 S-Video	4 USB ports,1 S-Video	1 Firewire port, 4 USB-2.0 ports,1 S-Video
for as low as Php 39,950	for as low as Php 43,950	for as low as Php 59,000

MANILA AUTHORIZED DEALERS:
A2000 : San Juan - Tel: 726-6108/722-8340 ; Accent Micro : SM Megamall/SM North/SM Bacoor - Tel: 634-2417/927-7330/(046)502-2248 ; Ace Net, Inc. : Virramall Tel: 725-0762/7250759 . Acrotech Micro Devices : Sampaloc Manila - Tel: 781-8245 to 47 ; Complink : SM North/Galleria/SM South/SM Bacoor Tel: 920-9140/632-9896/512-9709 Computer Farm . Alabang - Tel: 850-3625; CD Romania : Katipunan – Tel: 434-9817 ; ESI : Malate – Tel: 523-4207 Electroworld : SM Fairview/SM North/SM Manila/SM -Megamall/SM Southmall/Park Square Alabang - Tel: 418-6064/927-9525/633-1624/524-7980/8000-404/813-2776/850-9682/772-3254; Future Shop : Binondo – Tel: 245-7127 ; Galaxy 8 Computer Shangri-la - Tel: 637-6101 Hands On Computer : Las Piñas - Tel. 543-1028 to 29/871-2031 ; Hertz Computers : Quezon City - Tel: 920-6227 ; Microstation : Virramall/Galleria/Shangri-la – Tel: 721-1252/637-1473/637-2785 NT Computer : SM North/Shangri-la/SM South Mall Tel: 927-2579/633-4690/802-0650 ; PC Evotech : Katipunan - Tel: 433-8849/928-3536 . PC Express : Shaw - Tel. 726-0698/726-0682 ; PC Madness : Gilmore - Tel: 725-0328/724-8472 Premium Logic : SM Megamall/SM North/SM Manila/Galleria - Tel. 687-2136/929-2112 ; Prodata ; Sct. Gandia/P. Tuazon/Aurora Blvd - Tel: 927-5432/414-4336/414-4347 ; Silicon Valley SM North/MegamallSM Manila/SM South Mall/Park Square/Alabang Tel: 927-5698/633-1723/525-3218/806-9293/812-6734/807-8987 ; Total Quality Machines : Vito Cruz/Taft - Tel: 526-4503/536-3245 ; Universal Computer Systems, Inc. : Virra Mall Greenhills - Tel: 721-2407/724-8391; Villman Computer Systems, Inc. : Ayala/Pag-asa/West/Cabanatuan - Tel: 892-2222/929-0411

PROVINCIAL AUTHORIZED DEALERS:
Alejandro Enterprises : Tuguegarao City - Tel: (078) 846-2207 ; All Electronics : Legazpi City - Tel: (052) 480-6011 ; BCG : Bacolod - Tel: (034) 434-2539/434-2532 CBX Corp. : (Mandaue City) – Tel: (032) 346-1461/346-8442/ (Cebu) - Tel: (032) 254-4724/253-0602 Columbia South : Davao - Tel (082) 222-1808/226-4222 ; Concept Computers : Iloilo - Tel: (033) 336-2346 Computer World Marketing : Davao - Tel: (082) 222-4059 to 60 : Computer Zone : Tarlac City – Tel: (045) 982-8855 . Delta Merchandising : Iloilo - Tel: (033) 336-3196/335-0658 ; Digivision : Lucena City – Tel: (042) 660-5443 Digital Interface : Davao – Tel: (082) 221-1256 ; DC Tech Micro Services : Davao – Tel: (082) 221-2380 to 82 : Electronic Data System : Tacloban City Tel: (053) 325-5904 ; Electroworld : Sta. Rosa - Tel (049) 549-1241 ; IEC Computers : Bacolod City Tel: (034) 433-9472 ; Lenton Marketing, Inc. : Cebu Tel: (032) 253-9449/51/53 ; PC Shack Marketing : Davao – Tel: (082) 221-0594/227-5943 ; Silicon Valley : Pampanga - Tel: (045) 961-2225/817 7516/Cebu -Tel (032) 234-0219/Davao - Tel: (082) 297-6231/41 ; Unipace Corporation : Cagayan de Oro City Tel : (08822) 729-975/726-660 Villman Computer System, Inc. : Cabanatuan (Maharlika/Mega Center) - Tel: (044) 600-2000/(044) 600-0674

LOWEST COST PER PRINT
LOWEST TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP
HIGHEST VALUE FOR MONEY

Print an extra 6,000 pages FREE!
with the Kyocera Mita FS-1010
Ecosys Laser Printer. Performance, versatility and affordability that you look for in a laser printer.

Ecosys FS-1010
DRUM WARRANTY 3 YEAR WARRANTY

Features
· 15 ppm
· Fast 1200 dpi
· 16 MB memory upgradable to 144 MB
· 200 MHz Processor
· Parallel Port / USB

Now only
Php 16,800
Plus, get an extra toner (TK-17)

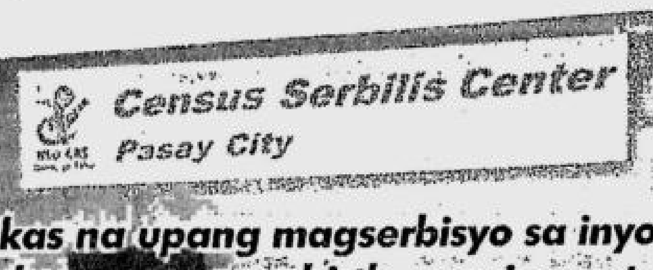
worth
Php 3,650 FREE!
And print up to 6,000 pages more for free.
Promo period:
July 1 to 31, 2002 only.

KYOCERA mita
www.kyoceramita.com

CORPORATE RESELLERS:
ASIS-LEE DIGITAL SYNERGIES CORPORATION 631-7502
COPYLANDIA 747-6888
PHILCOPY CORPORATION 899-8625
TENG HWA TRADING CO., INC (BACOLOD CITY)(034)-433-5555

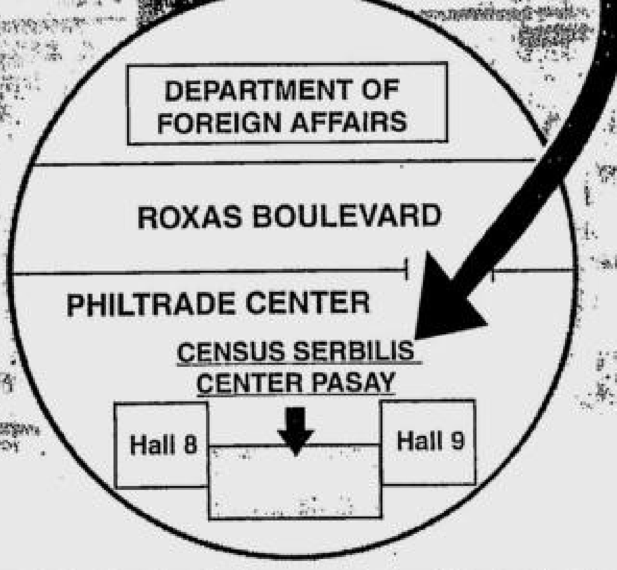
MASTER DEALERS:
AXIS DISTRIBUTION INC. 637-9991 TO 95
GREENTECH ENTERPRISES 447-6132 TO 33 , 367-7824/28
DEALERS:
PC CORNER Q.C. 723-1718/37 · PERFECT BYTE -SM MANILA 5264546
SM MEGAMALL 631-8786, WEST AVENUE 411-8580, 411-8591, 921-2005

Handa na rin namin kayong pagsilbihan sa ...
Census Serbilis Center Pasay City



Bukas na upang magserbisyo sa inyo para sa pagkuha ng kopya ng mga birth, marriage at death certificates.

Tayo na sa Serbilis Center - Pasay!
BIRTH CERTIFICATE



Matatagpuan sa gitna ng Halls 8 at 9, Philtrade Center
(Sa tapat ng Department of Foreign Affairs Building)
Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City

IBA PANG MGA CENSUS SERBILIS CENTERS:

Caloocan City
Caloocan City Hall
(Across the MTC)
Mabini St., Caloocan City
East Avenue
East Avenue, Quezon City.
Makati City
3/F New Building
Makati City Hall
J.P. Rizal St.,
Makati City
Muntinlupa City
G/F Annex Bldg.
Muntinlupa City Hall
Putatan, Muntinlupa City
Pasig City
G/F Pasig City Hall, Pasig City
Baguio City
3/F Juniper Bldg., A. Bonifacio St.
Baguio City

San Fernando, La Union
3/F Florentino Bldg., Gen. Luna St.
San Fernando, La Union
San Fernando, Pampanga
2/F A&A Bldg., Km 73
MacArthur Highway
Maimpis, SF, Pampanga
Tuguegarao City (June 2002)
Gonzaga St. Extension, Ugac Norte
Tuguegarao City
Cebu City
Capuras Bldg., Sanciangco St.
Cebu City
Iloilo City
G/F Villanueva Bldg
J.M. Basa corner Rizal Sts.
Iloilo City
Butuan City (June 2002)
1/F Acerado Bldg.
Achoa Avenue, Butuan City
Cagayan de Oro City
3/F Lantona Bldg
#77 Julio Pacana St.
Cagayan de Oro City
Davao City
2/F Mintrade Bldg
F. Bangoy cor. Monteverde Sts.
Davao City

NSO CRS
THE NSO-CRS PROJECT IS A PARTNERSHIP OF
National Statistics Office and UNISYS

Get a chance to...

Win ₱ 1,000,000.00 in CASH tax-free each month.

Enjoy ₱ 3,000,000.00 in CASH tax-free in the grand draw.

Win as much as ₱ 8,000,000

TAKING THE MEGAMILLION CHALLENGE IS EASY!

WHEN IS THE START & WHAT IS THE DURATION OF THE PROMO?
- Promo starts on July 01, 2002 and ends at the close of banking hours on December 31, 2002.

WHAT IS THE EXTENT OF COVERAGE OF THE PROMO?
- Promo is valid in all areas nationwide, served by 103 branches of PSBank.

WHO MAY JOIN?
- Any resident of the Philippines of legal age who deposits a minimum of P10,000.00 or U.S.$500.00 on the 1st of the month and does not withdraw that particular deposit within a 30-day cycle; or maintains an average daily balance (ADB) of P10,000.00 for Peso accounts or U.S.$500.00 for U.S. Dollar accounts within a 30-day cycle.
- Existing PSBank depositors (individual and corporate account holders of active, regular ATM and Passbook Savings, Fixed Interest Checking, Regular Checking, and FCDU Savings) who maintain an average daily balance (ADB) of P10,000.00 for Peso accounts or U.S.$500.00 for U.S. Dollar accounts within a 30-day cycle (within the prescribed promo period) are eligible to participate in the raffle promo.

HOW DO I GET A RAFFLE NUMBER?
- Depositors with a minimum deposit of P10,000.00 or U.S.$500.00 on the 1st of the month maintained within a 30-day cycle will be automatically assigned a system-generated raffle number.
- Every ADB of P10,000.00 or U.S.$500.00 entitles a depositor to a raffle number.
- Raffle numbers are electronically generated by the bank's computer system and assigned per account. This is witnessed by a PSBank Senior Officer and a DTI representative.
- The list of qualified depositors with their corresponding raffle number/s for the month will be available for inquiry from the Branch heads and will be posted in all PSBank branches nationwide.
- A depositor may secure his/her raffle number/s from his/her branch on the first week after each 30-day cycle.
- Even if a depositor decides not to secure his/her raffle number from his/her branch, a raffle number will automatically be assigned to his/her account if the aforesaid account meets the minimum ADB pre-requisite of P10,000.00 and/or U.S.$500.00 within a 30-day cycle.

HOW MANY RAFFLE NUMBERS WILL I GET?
- For Peso accounts, one raffle number will be issued per ADB increments of P10,000.00. The higher your ADB (e.g. P20,000.00 gets 2 raffle numbers; P30,000.00 gets 3 raffle numbers and so on), the more raffle numbers you get, the more chances of winning.
- For U.S. Dollar accounts, your minimum ADB of U.S.$500.00 qualifies you to two (2) raffle numbers. For every U.S.$250.00 increment you get one (1) additional raffle number.
- All raffle numbers will be electronically-generated at the end of a 30-day cycle, in the presence of a senior officer of PSBank and a DTI representative at the PSBank Center, Paseo de Roxas Ave., Makati City.

ARE AGGREGATE ACCOUNTS INCLUDED?
- Aggregating accounts (or a combination of accounts) are automatically disqualified from the raffle. Your account/s (Savings or Checking) must separately have a minimum ADB of P10,000.00 and/or U.S.$500.00 to qualify.

HOW WILL THE RAFFLE DRAW BE CONDUCTED?
- The selection of winners will be electronically-generated within the first week of each month at the close of banking hours (between 5:00-6:00 p.m.) in the presence of a PSBank senior officer and a DTI representative at the PSBank Center, Paseo de Roxas Ave. Makati City.
- The system shall refresh the raffle database after each draw. Non-winning raffle numbers are voided after each raffle draw.
- A new set of raffle numbers will be assigned to qualified depositors and/or accounts for the next draw provided the minimum ADB is met. This also means that depositors will have up to 6 chances of winning.

WHAT ARE THE PRIZES TO BE WON?

30-Day Cycle	ADB Cut-Off	Draw Date	Cash Prizes
Jul 1- Jul 31	July 31	August 09	1 winner of P1,000,000.00* Consolation Prizes: 10 winners of P10,000.00 each 100 winners of P1,000.00 each
Aug 1-Aug 30	August 30	September 06	1 winner of P1,000,000.00* Consolation Prizes: 10 winners of P10,000.00 each 100 winners of P1,000.00 each
Sept 1- Sept 31	September 31	October 11	1 winner of P1,000,000.00* Consolation Prizes: 10 winners of P10,000.00 each 100 winners of P1,000.00 each
Oct 1-Oct 30	October 30	November 08	1 winner of P1,000,000.00* Consolation Prizes: 10 winners of P10,000.00 each 100 winners of P1,000.00 each
Nov 1- Nov 31	November 31	December 06	1 winner of P1,000,000.00* Consolation Prizes: 10 winners of P10,000.00 each 100 winners of P1,000.00 each
Grand Raffle: Dec 1- Dec 31	December 31	January 10	Grand Prize: 1 winner of P3,000,000.00* Consolation Prizes: 1 winner of P100,000.00 2 winners of P50,000.00 each

*TAX FREE

HOW DO I CLAIM THE CASH PRIZE/S?
- All cash prizes shall be automatically credited to the winner's PSBank savings or checking account.
- Winners will be asked to sign an acknowledgment form for receipt of the cash prize in the presence of the PSBank Branch Head where the account was opened and where the prize money was likewise credited.

WHEN IS THE GRAND DRAW?
- The Grand Draw shall be conducted electronically, at the close of banking hours on January 10, 2003 (between 5:00– 6:00 p.m.) in the presence of PSBank senior officers and a representative of DTI at the PSBank Center, Paseo de Roxas Ave., Makati City.

HOW WILL I KNOW I WON?
- A winners list shall be posted in all PSBank branches and published in a leading daily newspaper.
- All winners will be notified through registered mail, fax, email and telephone.

WHO ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM JOINING THE PROMO?
- Employees of PSBank, Metrobank and its affiliates and subsidiaries, the advertising agency, and their relatives up to the 2nd degree of consanguinity or affinity, are disqualified from joining the promotion.

Ch

For

to qu

and m

P

U

Challenge # 2 :

Increase your ADB.

ADB increments

of P10,000.00

or U.S.$250.00

entitle you to additional

raffle numbers.

Challenge # 3:

Deposit as much a

you can.

The more you depo

the higher your AD

the greater your

chances of winnin

From July 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002, come over a

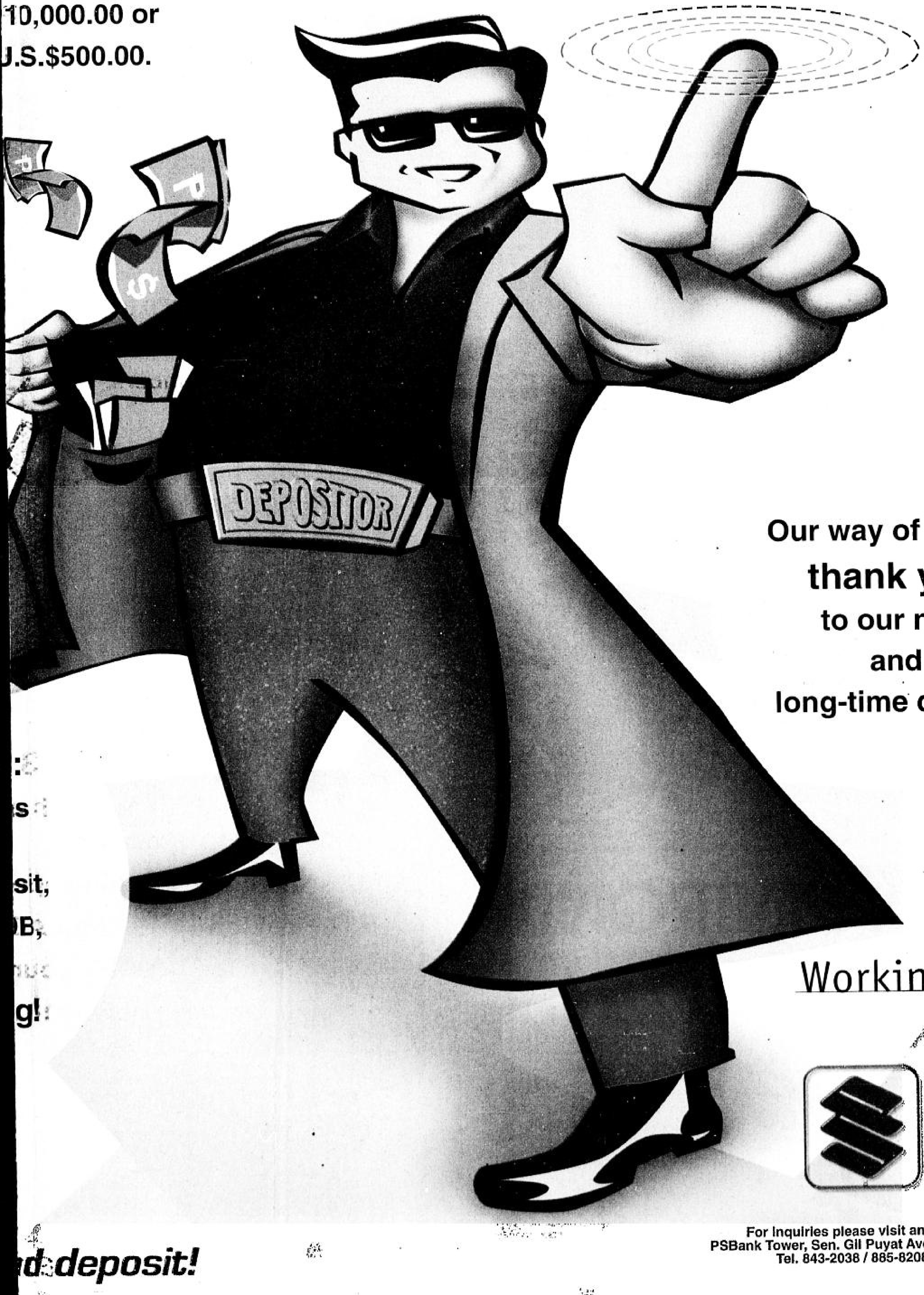
Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 2608 series of 2002

00!

allenge # 1:
new depositors
ualify, just open
aintain an ADB of
10,000.00 or
U.S.$500.00.

join the

PSBank MegaMillion Challenge



:
s

sit,
B,

g!

Our way of saying
thank you
to our new
and
long-time clients.

Working harder for you.

PSBank
PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK
A METROBANK SUBSIDIARY

d deposit!

For inquiries please visit any PSBank branch nearest you or
PSBank Tower, Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue cor. Tindalo St., Makati City
Tel. 843-2038 / 885-8208 / 843-1672 / 844-6434 / 885-8212

Member PDIC. Deposits insured up to P100,000.

BancNet

Xerox restates results, reclassifies $6.4B in sales

THE
DOCUMENT
COMPANY
XEROX

THIS undated file photo from the Xerox Corp. shows the sign in front of the corporate headquarters in Stanford, Connecticut. Xerox Corp is to restate its revenues by "less than $2 billion" for the 1997-2000 period, company spokesperson Christa Carone said, following reports that the US copier giant may have improperly booked more than $6 billion in revenues.

NEW YORK—Xerox Corp. on Friday restated five years of results to reclassify more than $6 billion in revenues in yet another scandal battering confidence in Corporate America's accounting.

The move rattled investors, who were shaken by the revelation earlier this week that US long-distance and data carrier WorldCom Inc. inflated profits by hiding nearly $4 billion in expenses, and after several years of nagging questions about Xerox's accounting practices.

The accounting woes follow on the heels of the scandal at WorldCom as well as one at energy trader Enron Corp. and have raised a political firestorm. President Bush on Friday called for Congress to approve measures to bar corporate executives from profiting from erroneous financial statements.

Shares of Xerox, once the king of copiers, closed at $6.97, down $1.03, or 13 percent, after earlier tumbling almost 25 percent to $6.10. The drop was spurred by downgrades from Merrill Lynch, which cut its Xerox rating to "sell," and Standard & Poor's which now rates the shares at "avoid."

The 1,000-page restatement was expected as part of an April settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which charged Xerox with inflating results and defrauding investors.

Under that pact, Xerox neither accepted nor denied fault, paid a $10-million fine, and pledged to recalculate its results.

"There's no revenue that is going away," Xerox's Christa Carone said of the restated figures. "It's going from one place (in Xerox's books) to another. There were no fictitious transactions and the amount of cash that we are talking about doesn't change in terms of the leases—it is revenue shifting from one period to another."

Xerox's accounting issues stem from a trend whereby customers pay for copying on a per-page basis instead of buying machines outright, said James Lundy, vice president at the Gartner research group. As such, they pay for 50-100 million pages a year, "which essentially is a glorified rental."

"What Xerox got into trouble for was they got a little aggressive on how they bucketed that money as far as revenue recognition," he said. "So they had to restate and move that money around."

Stamford, Connecticut-based Xerox said that for 1997 through 2001 it reversed $6.4 billion of previously recorded revenue from equipment sales. Xerox said $5.1 billion of that total will now be reported as service, rental, document outsourcing, and financing revenues for that period.

About $1.9 billion of revenue that was recognized over the past years would be recognized in the future, beginning in 2002.

Analysts' opinions were mixed. Some saw Xerox as stumbling yet again in its attempts to right itself financially. "Given the revelation, we advise placing funds elsewhere," said Standard and Poor's analyst Richard Stice. *Reuters*

Bush economic team 'missing in action?'

WASHINGTON—President George W. Bush's decision to personally lead the call for more honorable US corporate behavior puts a sharper focus on the "missing in action" administration economic team.

With worries mounting that the relentless tally of accounting scandals will sow doubt about the integrity of the US business model and could lash back against the economy, Bush plans addresses on Saturday and later in the month in New York to step up demands for greater responsibility.

Analysts say the fact that Bush has to lead the charge—in effect tackling Big Business that helped put him in office—raises questions about what his top economic advisers have been doing.

"If you consider that after 18 months we've got burgeoning deficits, a sagging dollar and a general atmosphere of corporate scandal, I don't think you'd say his team has been doing too well," said Marshall Wittmann, a Washington-based senior fellow at the advisory Hudson Institute.

"The war against terrorism has been a 'wild card' for this administration, but even setting that aside it's a pretty bleak picture for the Bush economic team so far . . . You'd have to say that they've been pretty well missing in action," he added.

Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and Lawrence Lindsey, director of the National Economic Council, are at the top of the Bush economic team. It also includes Glenn Hubbard, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, as well as Commerce Secretary Donald Evans among others.

The one solid accomplishment is the passage of the $1.35-trillion tax cut last year, but on other issues—from energy to the budget and trade—many Bush administration goals have foundered or been watered down or rejected by Congress.

And their muddled messages on the dollar have created confusion in currency markets partly because they have been coming from multiple sources, and have left open a potential interpretation that the Bush administration is willing to let the currency keep sliding to help exporters.

William Niskanen, chair of the Washington-based Cato Institute who served on former President Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers, said what drive the Bush team's economic agenda had evaporated this year.

"I think the actions that have been taken by this administration have been as bad or worse than no actions," he said. "On trade, especially, it's been an absolute disaster—on steel, softwood lumber and agricultural subsidies—that has greatly complicated our relations with both trading partners and developing nations."

US decisions to impose duties on lumber from Canada and imported steel have raised howls from European and Canadian officials, while poor nations protest that fresh subsidies for American farmers hinder their ability to sell into bigger markets.

Niskanen said it appears that Bush is seeking to regain some momentum on the economic front by taking on the issue of greater corporate accountability on his own.

"But I think Paul O'Neill is the one who should have taken the lead," he added. "He has the credibility because of his background and he has the experience, but then he goes traipsing off to Africa with Bono instead of taking on this issue of which Enron was only the tip of the iceberg."

O'Neill toured four African nations last month, in company with Irish rock singer Bono, to investigate how development aid could be used more effectively.

The vocal Treasury chief has spoken out against corporate misbehavior, saying in a television interview on Friday that unethical executives "ought to be hung from the highest branches of the highest trees."

Wittmann said it seemed unusual for Bush rather than other members of his economic team to take on the issue of corporate governance, which has a political as well as an economic dimension. *Reuters*

BIGGEST SINCE SEPT. 11

US consumer sentiment dropped in June

NEW YORK—US consumer sentiment suffered its biggest one-month drop since the Sept. 11 attacks in June as reports of job losses, battered stock markets and news of corporate shenanigans all weighed on Americans.

But while government data on Friday showed personal spending fell in May for the first time in six months, the latest evidence from auto showrooms and retail stores suggests shopping is not going out of fashion. That's crucial since consumer spending makes up two-thirds of the US economy.

A separate report showed the pace of manufacturing activity in the Chicago area slowed in June but still registered its fifth straight month of solid growth.

Taken together, analysts said resilient consumers and an improving manufacturing sector suggested worries of a double dip recession were overdone.

"The expansion remains on track," said Paul Kasriel, chief US economist at Northern Trust in Chicago.

Financial markets had little reaction to the economic data, which were largely in line with analysts' forecasts.

Although the data showed underlying economic strength, the figures did not suggest the Federal Reserve needed to hurry up and tighten monetary policy.

Indeed, with inflation showing no signs of heating up, economists are becoming increasingly convinced the Fed may not raise interest rates at all this year.

One of Fed Chair Alan Greenspan's favorite measures of inflation is the personal consumption expenditure index (PCE) and data out Friday showed that actually fell 0.1 percent in May taking the year-over-year change to just 1.0 percent from 1.2 percent a month earlier.

The University of Michigan's final June consumer sentiment index fell to 92.4 in June from 96.9 in May but that was up from a preliminary reading of 90.8 released two weeks ago. Economists had expected the index to be unchanged from its mid-month reading.

June was a rough month for consumer confidence amid charges of corporate insider trading and news that shocked the markets: telecommunications company WorldCom Inc. saying it had improperly accounted for $3.85 billion in expenses.

Warnings of potential terror attacks on the United States during the upcoming Fourth of July Independence Day holiday and a 7.4 percent slide in the Standard & Poor's index on the month have done little to boost spirits.

"I would expect that households would be a little down in the dumps given all of the news of recent weeks. It's not a big surprise," Kasriel said.

"But again, people did appear to renew their spending activities this month," he said.

The current conditions index, which tracks consumers' views about their present financial situation, fell to 99.5 in June from 103.5 in May but was up from a preliminary 97.9.

Analysts said the Michigan expectations index, which measures attitudes about the 12-month outlook and fell to 87.9 from 92.7 a month earlier, still stood at levels consistent with solid spending growth in coming months.

The University of Michigan consumer sentiment survey is based on telephone interviews with roughly 500 Americans across the country on personal finances and business and buying conditions.

The Commerce Department reported on Friday that personal spending fell 0.1 percent in May, primarily due to weaker auto sales, while personal income rose 0.3 percent, a sixth straight month of gains. *Reuters*

COMMUTERS cross an intersection near Tokyo Station in the business district of Tokyo. Japan's jobless rate rose to 5.4 percent in May, released Friday by the Japanese government, remaining at 5 percent or higher for the 11th straight month and stirring doubts about the nation's shaky economic recovery. AP

We'll put your printing woes down the drain!

PRINTRONIX®
The Leader in High-Performance Impact Printing

HIGH-SPEED. LOW COST.

✓ SAVES YOU MORE TIME
We print it FAST up to 2000 LPM.

✓ SUITS ALL YOUR PRINTING NEEDS
One printer to print high quality labels, reports, barcodes and multi-part forms.

✓ LOWEST OPERATING COST
Hi-yield ribbons. Prints 30 Million Characters for only P500.oo.

✓ 100% DUTY CYCLE
Rely on 24-hour, non-stop operation for all your printing needs.

GUARANTEED!
UPTIME AT ALL TIMES
Free quarterly maintenance checkup w/in warranty period.

Join the many satisfied users.
Call us at
723-0601 to 10 locals 251, 232, 309, 322.

Exclusive Distributor:
better solutions
AMERICAN TECHNOLOGIES, INC
url. www.ati.com.ph • e-mail inquire@ati.com.ph
Tel. 723-0601• Fax 723-7951

Apple executives sold stock before warning earnings

SAN JOSE, California—Twice in the past two years, Apple Computer executives sold company stock for millions just weeks before Apple warned of disappointing earnings. Each warning sent shares tumbling.

While the sales could have an innocent explanation, analysts consider them unusual because there were no other large stock dumps by Apple executives during the same period.

And while stock options often are a major part of compensation, Apple executives tend to be less active sellers than their counterparts at other companies.

"These sells seem to be well-timed," said Lon Gerber, director of insider research at Thomson Financial, coming as they did on the eve of two of three Apple earnings warnings over a period that began in August 2000.

"It's always a bit suspicious" when executives sell before a warning, said Martin Friedman, director of research at Friedman, Billings, Ramsey & Co. Inc.

The computer maker defended the sales, which were questioned in a column last week on a website for Mac enthusiasts called Resexcellence.com.

"I can assure you that no executive would have exercised options had they believed we would not meet our original guidance for the quarter," Fred Anderson, Apple's chief financial officer, said in a written statement.

Anderson, one of the executives who sold stock prior to the warnings, refused further comment. So did other executives.

The biggest flurry of sales—1.9 million shares worth more than $49 million—occurred between April 22 and May 31, according to Securities and Exchange Commission filings, and were executed by Anderson and five other executives.

During that period, Apple's stock was hovering around $24 on the Nasdaq Stock Market. On June 18, Apple warned that revenues for the quarter that began April 1 would be lower than expected. Shares are now trading around $17. *AP*

WTO trade panel hands out split ruling on US-India steel dispute

GENEVA—The World Trade Organization on Friday faulted US "antidumping" procedures in a steel dispute with India, but the United States welcomed the mixed ruling as upholding key sections of the US trade laws.

A panel appointed by the body that sets rules on international trade issued its findings in a dispute over the United States' February 2000 imposition of duties on steel plate from India.

Either country can appeal the decision. As it stands, the WTO ruling leaves it to the United States to figure out how "to bring its measures into conformity" with trade rules. The panel said it decided against accepting India's proposal that it order Washington to redo its calculations.

The US response could result in a lowering of the antidumping duties, which now exceed 70 percent. Dumping is when an importer sells a product below cost.

US officials said they would review the decision thoroughly before deciding whether to appeal. No one was immediately available for comment at the Indian trade mission Friday evening.

The ruling stemmed from India's complaint that the Commerce Department had failed to consider information submitted by the Indian company involved, Steel Authority of India Ltd., or SAIL.

"We conclude that the United States acted inconsistently" with WTO rules "in refusing to take into account US sales price information submitted by SAIL without a legally sufficient justification," the panel said.

The United States dismissed all of the Indian price data because it found errors or a lack of needed information and instead used US sources in determining the anti-dumping duties.

In Washington, US Trade Representative Robert B. Zoellick welcomed the ruling as finding that "key sections of our anti-dumping and countervailing duty laws are consistent with WTO rules."

"While we do not agree with all of the panel's conclusions, its reasoning will protect our ability to use these important components of US trade remedy laws in the future," Zoellick said in a statement from Washington.

The United States, however, conceded that the panel found fault with the way it determined the amount to charge by basing it on "facts available," which may include the claims made by US companies.

"The panel found that the US did not provide a legally sufficient justification for its decision to disregard certain data from the Indian producer and instead to rely entirely on the facts available to establish the producer's anti-dumping margin," a US statement said.

The United States maintains it was "unable to obtain usable information" from the Indian producer. *AP*

Look who's helping entrepreneurs & managers run their business...

MYOB Accounting P 17,900
MYOB Premier P 56,600
Philippine Payroll Pro P15T - P45T
MYOB Retail Manager

Whatever your software needs are, we have it!

MYOB Accounting and Premier are accounting softwares that grow with your business.
Philippine Payroll Pro is an easy-to-use payroll software that conforms to local payroll practices.
MYOB Retail Manager is a sophisticated, simple to use point-of-sale software for your retail shop.

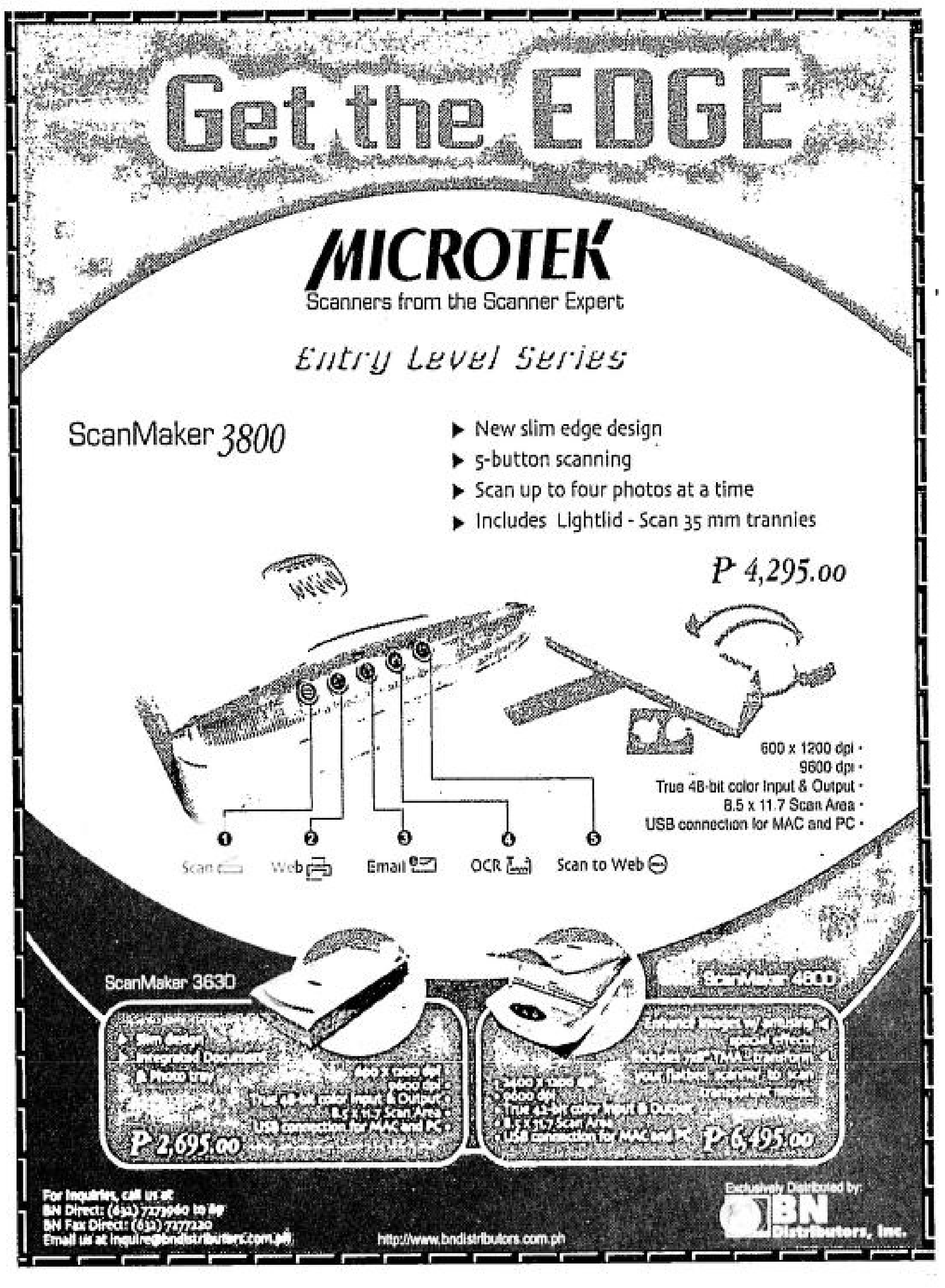
Relax. Your business is in capable hands. MYOB

Qualified consultants and resellers are welcome to apply.
SOFTWARE & WORKSHOPS Inquire NOW!
Financial Management Series
Basic Accounting for Non-Accountants • Effective Credit and Collection
Computerized Accounting using MYOB • Philippine Payroll Processing

MUSTARD SEED SYSTEMS
Unit 1909 Prestige Towers, Emerald Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City
Email: info@mseedsystem.com Website: www.mseedsystems.com
Tel.: (632) 687 0307 to 08 Telefax: (632) 687 1353
Cagayan de Oro City: (63-8822) 725148 • (63-88) 858 5148

POLO OBRERO
POLO OBRERO

DEMONSTRATORS of the leftist group "Polo Obrero" arrive to Buenos Aires Plaza de Mayo, Thursday. Thousands of government opponents marched in anger over a police crackdown on jobless protesters that left two people dead and 90 wounded Wednesday. The dead and injured fell during volleys of rubber bullets and tear gas that marked the worst violence in Argentina since street rioting over the collapsing economy claimed 29 lives last December. AP


Get the EDGE
MICROTEK
Scanners from the Scanner Expert
Entry Level Series
ScanMaker 3800
- New slim edge design
- 5-button scanning
- Scan up to four photos at a time
- Includes Lightlid - Scan 35 mm trannies

P 4,295.00

600 x 1200 dpi •
9600 dpi •
True 48-bit color Input & Output •
8.5 x 11.7 Scan Area •
USB connection for MAC and PC •

ScanMaker 3630
P 2,695.00
ScanMaker 4800
P 6,495.00

For inquiries, call us at
BN Direct: (632) 7279960 to 69
BN Fax Direct: (632) 7277220
Email us at inquire@bndistributors.com.ph
http://www.bndistributors.com.ph
Exclusively Distributed by:
BN Distributors, Inc.

Canada's economy surged 0.8% in April

TORONTO—Canada's red-hot economy showed further strength in April as gross domestic product surged 0.8 percent, suggesting it could perform better than the US economy in the second quarter.

The economic growth figure, released by Statistics Canada on Friday morning, is the single largest monthly gain since early 2000. It was ahead of the 0.6-percent average forecast of analysts surveyed by Reuters and was driven mainly by higher sales of cars and trucks and the temporary elimination of US duties on Canadian softwood lumber exports during the period.

Calling the Canadian recovery "on steroids," CIBC World Markets senior economist Warren Lovely said: "A muscled-up Canadian economy surged ahead in April, dashing any talk of a meaningful comedown in second-quarter growth."

The strength in the April was fairly broad-based.

"All sectors of manufacturing registered gains, with significant increases posted by makers of primary and fabricated metal products, plastic and rubber products, and food and beverages," Statscan said.

That bodes well for the short-term outlook of Canadian industries, said analysts.

"Provided the recent softness in the US economy represents more of a stumble than a full-blown face plant, the Canadian manufacturing sector should continue to recover, pulling with it a plethora of service industries," said Derek Burleton, senior economist at Toronto Dominion Bank. *Reuters*

Internet body approves overhaul

BUCHAREST, Romania—Over objections that it is marginalizing individuals and noncommercial users, the Internet's key oversight body approved a major overhaul Friday aimed not only at improving efficiency but also ending direct elections for its directors.

Under the unanimously adopted reform plan, all board members of the Internet Corp. for Assigned Names and Numbers will be appointed by committees representing various Internet constituencies with technical, business, government and community involvement.

Currently, five of the board's 19 members are directly elected by the public, by geographical region. The board once said it would eventually fill as many as nine seats through such elections.

Icann was selected in 1998 by the US government to oversee the Internet's domain name system. Though relatively few Internet users are even aware of the group, its decisions affect how people find websites and send e-mail.

Stuart Lynn, chief executive and president of Icann, said the changes were necessary to ensure that board members have the knowledge and experience necessary to understand the technical issues before the organization.

"I am absolutely delighted and energized that the board adopted the blueprint for reforms to make Icann more efficient," Lynn said after the four-hour board meeting, held in Romania's capital.

But some critics argued that such efficiency could come at the expense of democracy and could strip Internet users of a voice in how Icann is run.

The proposal was approved 18-0. Karl Auerbach, an at-large board member elected on a platform critical of Icann, did not attend the meetings and did not vote.

Lynn said the board "recognizes that not everyone is going to be happy . . . but we need to move on."

An Icann reform committee now must come up with an implementation plan before the next public meeting, to be held Oct. 27-31 in Shanghai, China.

The reform plan also seeks to give the operators of country-code domains—such as ".fr" for France—more influence.

And it attempts to ensure adequate funding by doubling to 25 cents per domain name the fees that registration companies pay to Icann.

The board also voted to establish an ombudsman to field criticisms.

In addition, it approved a "safety net" for reactivating domain names inadvertently allowed to expire. Porn sites, in particular, have been aggressive about grabbing the domain names of churches, schools and other organizations that forget to renew. Now, those groups would have a 30-day grace period, extended from five days. *AP*

Singapore bank lending down in May

SINGAPORE—Lending by Singapore banks to their non-bank customers grew by a slim S$1.1 billion in May over April, partly due to an expansion in housing loans, the Monetary Authority of Singapore said on Saturday.

Bank credit to non-bank customers rose slightly to S$160.5 billion ($91.09 billion) in May, up just 0.6 percent on the same month of 2001 and compared with $159.4 billion in April.

Deposits of non-bank customers rose marginally by S$132.4 million to S$182.8 billion causing the overall loan to deposit ratio to edge up to 0.88, the central bank said.

Interbank loans to banks outside Singapore contracted by $7.6 billion, mainly due to a fall in lending to banks in East Asia, the MAS said.

Money supply as measured by M1 grew at a slow pace of just one percent in May in year over year terms due mainly to a contraction in demand deposits, while broad money or M3 was unchanged at 1.4 percent growth.

Total assets of Singapore domestic banking sector fell by S$3.8 billion in May to S$374.2 billion due to a sharp fall in interbank lending, the MAS said. *Reuters*

Indulge DURING YOUR NEXT BUSINESS CONFERENCE.

THE PENINSULA
MANILA

Imagine meetings where you can sink your teeth into our signature hand-rolled chocolates and pastries. Find pleasure in mini-golf games. Soothe aching muscles with a massage. We've designed themed coffee breaks to make your conferences more enjoyable.

Only at The Peninsula Manila, where your personal needs are well-attended to. So you can focus on reaching sweet success.

Corner of Ayala and Makati Avenues, 1226 Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines • Fax us at 815-4825, 815-3402 [illegible]
For bookings and inquiries, call Conference Services at 887-2888, 81[illegible] 3456 extension 7798

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

People, Events & Products

Aries Espinosa, Editor

aespinosa@inquirer.com.ph

New Canadian immigration law

A NEW Canadian immigration law took effect on June 28. The Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, which was passed by the Canadian federal parliament on Nov. 1, 2001, is the first major revision of Canadian immigration law in 25 years.

This information was relayed by lawyer Bayani F. Abesamis, a Canadian immigration lawyer who maintains an office in the Philippines. "The new law seeks to enhance Canada's reputation as an immigrant-friendly country while at the same time bolstering its defenses against illegal entrants. It aims to make Canadian immigration law more responsive to the realities of the new world economic and security order."

The new law and its accompanying regulations provide for a new system of selecting skilled workers who make up the majority of new immigrants to Canada. Applicants must be able to show that they have flexible skills to succeed in the Canadian job market. The new selection system gives considerable weight to education, language skills and work experience in assessing applicants. "This augurs well for Filipinos as they tend to score well on these factors," Abesamis notes.

As to family sponsorships, the new law increases the sponsorable age of dependent children from 19 to 22 years. Common law spouses are now included in the family class. New rules relating to entrepreneurs and investors have also been put in place, ensuring that only those with the requisite business experience are selected. "These changes are geared towards helping Canada achieve its immigration goals both in terms of numerical targets as well ensuring that those who come as immigrants will enhance Canada's competitiveness in the global marketplace," Abesamis states.

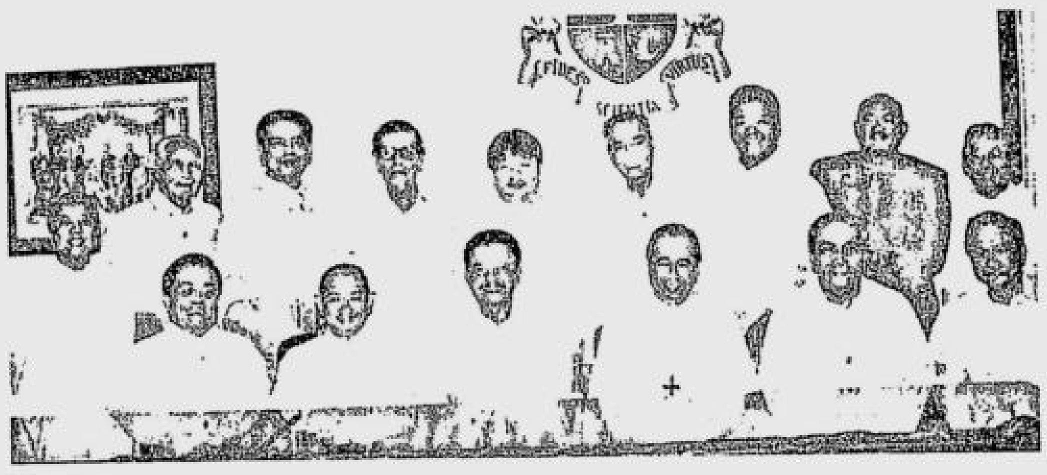
In 2001, the Philippines retained its position as the fourth largest immigrant source country for Canada. "The new law will not only ensure that this trend continues but would actually boost the immigration prospects of a lot more of our *kababayans*," Abesamis adds.

Abesamis will be holding a series of seminars on the new Canadian immigration law from July 2 to 20 in Makati City. For more information, call 813-3482.

Youth Build 200
PSBank
PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK
A METROBANK SUBSIDIARY

PSBANK VOLUNTEERS FOR HABITAT

Philippine Savings Bank (PSBank), a Metrobank subsidiary, recently built a house in Palingon Project Site, Taguig, in coordination with Habitat for Humanity Philippines Foundation Inc. Shown getting ready to start work at the site are the senior and junior officer volunteers led by president Pascual M. Garcia III (2nd row, 7th from left). Also shown is the home partner family represented by Lucy Capistrano (2nd row, 8th from left), and friends from Habitat. The Metrobank Group has donated 10 houses to Habitat for Humanity Philippines Inc.



SBC ALUMNI OFFICERS INDUCTED

The San Beda College Alumni officers and board members were inducted into office by the Right Reverend Tarcisio Ma. H. Narciso, OSB, Abbott of the Benedictine Community in the Philippines, in the SBC board room recently. Shown, standing, from left, are Fr. Basil Apostol, OSB, SBCAA moderator, Ricardo S. Liwanag, SBCAA executive director, Ricardo C. Barreiro, office manager, directors Joaqui Preysler, Edgardo Paras Jr., Francisco Yulo, Rolando Ancheta, lawyer Constantino Navarro III, and Rev. Pio Ma. Lomibao, OSB, SBCAA moderator. Seated, from left, are Jose Ma. Vicente Lim IV, Billy Ong Hua Chiong, Nicolas 'Tata' Carranceja, Rev. Fr. Abbott Tarcisio Ma. H. Narciso, OSB, Jose Mari Lacson and Mario Soriano.

UnionBank gets Monetary Board OK for BIR e-Payments

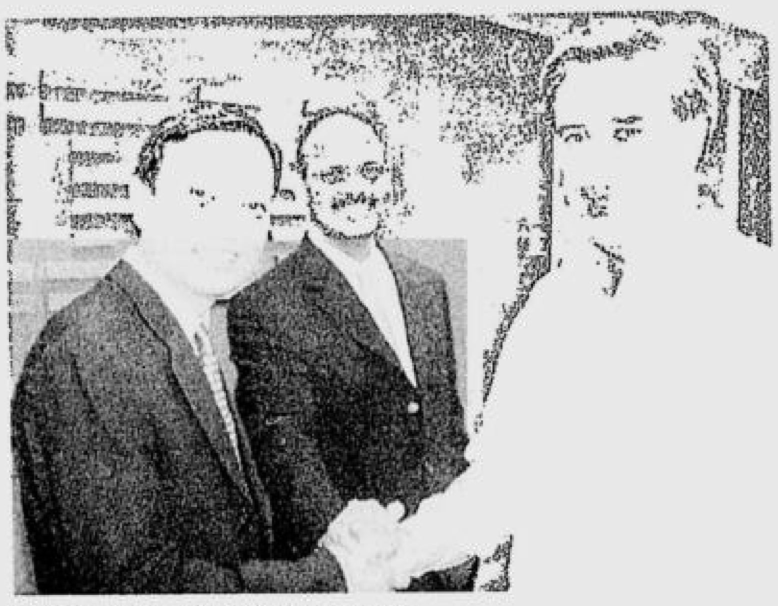
UNIONBANK of the Philippines (UnionBank) announced yesterday in a well-attended customer event that it has been formally accredited by the Monetary Board to accept e-payments from large taxpayers who are required to file and pay electronically using the Bureau of Internal Revenue's (BIR) Electronic Filing and Payment System (EFPS) come July 1.

The electronic filing component of EFPS took effect April 1 this year but electronic payment or e-payment shall be mandatory to all large taxpayers by today, according to BIR Revenue Memorandum Order No. 2-2002. The Memorandum covers several tax returns which can now be filed through EFPS via the Internet. These are: tax withheld on compensation, income tax, excise tax, value added tax and quarterly percentage tax.

This announcement of UnionBank was welcomed by corporate customers which have also been long-time users of its various electronic and web-based cash management collection and disbursement products. UnionBank product manager Jod Garcia said "We are among the first to introduce e-payment in the country and our experience in this area including that of our own customers' made us to be the most ready with regard to BIR's EFPS requirements."

New or first-time epayment users expressed concerns on security of paying over the Internet but this was quickly addressed by Ed Olaguer, corporate ebusiness head of UnionBank. He said, "UnionBank employs and adopts globally accepted security standards with regard to Internet payments. Among our security features are 128-bit SSL or secure socket layer, stringent registration process, user authentication and authorization controls, comprehensive audit trails, and most of all, our customers will be comforted to know that we have ready back-up facilities for this purpose."

Prior to UnionBank's accreditation, tax payments of large taxpayers were restricted to government banks. The introduction of EFPS or Internet-based tax return filing and payment enabled UnionBank to participate in the government's effort towards a more efficient tax collection system.



NEW IBM GM APPOINTED

Satish Khatu (center), IBM Asean/South Asia general manager, has announced the appointment of Joaquin E. Quintos IV (left) as the new IBM Philippines general manager effective July 1. Quintos succeeds Jack Hamill (right), incumbent IBM Philippines general manager who will rejoin IBM's finance group. Quintos returns to IBM Philippines after a six-year international management stint in the United States and the Asean/South Asia region. A 20-year veteran at IBM, Quintos is credited for pioneering the software and services divisions of IBM Philippines. He also served as a director of the IBM Philippines board, and held key positions as division manager for finance and public sector industries, senior consultant of IBM's consulting group based in Singapore, manager for account services, and systems engineering manager. Quintos is a graduate of the University of the Philippines at Diliman, Quezon City, with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering degree, cum laude.

and an overnig
KONG, BORACAY
EDSA SHANGRI-LA HOTEL!

DOMINO'S WEST AVENUE'S 'DREAM'

Celebrating its 7th year, Domino's West Avenue offers an exciting getaway pleasure treat to its valued customers. Launched at a recent gathering, Domino's, the world's pizza delivery experts, unveiled 'Dream Destinations', a three-month promo that would give pizza lovers a chance to win an overnight stay for two at Edsa Shangri-La Hotel on the first draw, a trip for two for 3 days and 2 nights to Boracay on the second draw and a Hong Kong trip for two for 3 days and 2 nights on the grand raffle draw. Plus, Domino's West Avenue gift certificates will be given to lucky draw winners. Promo runs from June 12 to Sept. 13. The 1st preliminary draw is on July 12, the 2nd draw is on Aug. 19, and the grand draw is on Sept. 15. Shown are, from left, Bobby Vallar, Domino's marketing officer, Lulu de Castro, Domino's marketing manager, Christine Furigay, Domino's West Avenue owner, Bedgie Aquino, Domino's West Avenue owner, and Carlo [illegible] Domino's president

BITS Clips

Updates on forensic psych evaluations

IN THIS age of growing criminality, how can we better understand crimes and criminals? A workshop on forensic psychological evaluations will be conducted by the International Council of Psychology in cooperation with the Psychological Association of the Philippines on July 2, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel. The workshop will be conducted by Dr. Ludwig Lowenstein, forensic psychologist from the United Kingdom. This workshop will present updates on forensic evaluation such as psychological profiling, sentencing, obsessive-compulsive rape, post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of violent crime. An update of research on arson, long-term effects of the use of ecstacy, relationship of criminality and substance abuse will also be presented. For more information, visit Dr. Naty Dayan at Dayan's Psychological Clinic at Suite 2103, VV Soliven Shopping Complex, Edsa, San Juan, or call 721-7133, 724-5358, e-mail bereps@pacific.net.ph, or visit www.geocities.com/icpsych/convent.htm.

ICP comes to Manila

THE International Council of Psychologists will be holding its annual convention in Manila from July 1 to 5. Amidst growing global tensions, this year's conference theme is "Helping Others Grow". To be held at the Edsa Shangri-La, the convention shall feature workshops, symposia, and sessions by imminent international and local psychologists. Keynote speakers are Dr. Moneim El-Miligi, organizational consultant from the United States who will speak on "Leadership: Cultural and Situational Diversity in Developed and Developing Countries." Noted Philippine psychologist Dr. Honey Carandang will also give a special presentation on "The Joys of Mentoring." The convention is co-sponsored by the Psychological Association of the Philippines, which is also celebrating its 40th anniversary. For more information, call Dr. Naty Dayan at 721-7133, 724-5358 or visit ICP at www.geocities.com/icpsych/convent.htm.

BPI EPS' 2 promos

THE BANK of the Philippine Islands (BPI) Express Payment System (EPS) recently announced its two ongoing promos: Express Price Off and EPS Smart Shopper, Your Kid's a Winner. To participate in the Express Price Off promo, BPI and BPI Family Bank Express Teller and BPI Direct ATM cardholders can go cashless shopping using their BPI Express Teller's EPS facility to enjoy instant discounts at participating merchants. Coupons are being mailed out with the bank statements. However, all purchases made through the EPS within the validity period are eligible for the discount even without the coupon. For EPS Smart Shopper, Your Kid's a Winner, all BPI and BPI Family Bank Express Teller and BPI Direct ATM cardholders who shop using the EPS up to July 7 can join. Cardholders can use the EPS to pay for school supplies and, for every P1,000 purchase, get the chance to win cash prizes in the weekly draws, or three laptops, five M505 Palm Pilots, and three Nokia 3310 phonekits in the [illegible] on Jul. 10

SPANISH COMMERCIAL OFFICE PARTICIPATES

The Spanish Commercial Office participated in the 4th International Food and Beverage Expo/Food and Beverage Engineering Expo 2002 at the World Trade Center held June 26 to 29. Shown sealing the agreement was Joseva Esparza (left), international trade adviser and Henry J. Schumacher, president and CEO of Fairs & More Inc. The trade show was also organized by Time Foundation.

Product FILES

Goldilocks most outstanding bakeshop

Goldilocks

ON ITS 36th year of outstanding performance, Goldilocks Bakeshop is awarded by the Parangal ng Bayan and the Consumers' Union of the Philippines as the Most Outstanding Bakeshop. Dedicated to recognize the accomplishments of Filipino achievers from various fields, organizers of the Parangal ng Bayan, or People's Choice Awards, honors Goldilocks Bakeshop for the 5th consecutive year for its excellent and world-class performance as a consumer goods manufacturer and distributor.

Another award giving body, the National Consumers' Awards, salutes the largest bakeshop in the country for rendering best service at all times. Goldilocks has accepted the symbolic Anca Statuette for the 4th consecutive time. The organizers, the Consumers' Union of the Philippines, representing the consumer sector in the country, bestowed this award to Goldilocks as a token of appreciation for giving consumers real value for their money.

FILE photo of WorldCom headquarters in Clinton, Mississipi. Worldcom announced 17,000 layoffs beginning June 28, following the announcement that it had overstated its cash flow by more than $3.8 billion during the last five quarters. AFP

SCANDALS

Q2 woes may linger

NEW YORK—The end of the second quarter was welcomed this past week by a Wall Street eager to forget the accounting scandals and earnings concerns that have plagued the market. But there is little reason to think the next three months will be much better.

Although there is some hope that earnings will improve, analysts say many investors have become so disillusioned that it will take a sustained, solid dose of good news to turn the market around.

"There are still so many crosscurrents of political and accounting issues and things like that, as well as management credibility questions. And all of it is still swirling around, and that feeds volatility," said John Forelli, portfolio manager for Independence Investment LLC.

The market managed to end the week mixed, but the Nasdaq composite index finished the second quarter down 20.7 percent and the Standard & Poor 500 index lost 13.7 percent. The Dow Jones industrials fell 11.2 percent.

The selling, which included a five-week slide for the major indexes, got so bad that on Wednesday the Nasdaq and S&P dipped beneath their post-terror attack lows.

The pullback over the quarter wasn't surprising given the onslaught of negative company news. Warnings from bellwethers including Intel and Abbot Laboratories dampened Wall Street's hopes that a solid turnaround was under way.

At the same time, a wave of new accounting and ethics scandals involving companies ranging from ImClone and WorldCom gave investors another reason to doubt the validity of any recovery.

Analysts say investors have decided it is too risky to buy or make big commitments—even though economic trends have been steadily improving.

"It created the sense that the numbers weren't reliable," said Nancy Tengler, chief executive and investment officer at Fremont Investment Advisors.

But noting that accounting problems at WorldCom and Xerox this past week failed to derail stocks, Tengler said, "this may be starting to wash out. The rules are being tightened up.

"And if people start to see reflected in earnings what I think the economic numbers are telling us, things could get better."

Indeed, second-quarter earnings reports, which are due out in July, could provide the market with a catalyst—if investors feel there's a reason to be optimistic.

"It's not the earnings as much as the comments. Companies should start to talk about what business will look like in the fall," said Bill Meade, managing director at RBC Capital Markets. "If the comments are positive, that could create upside as people start to believe that the improvement in the economy is finally causing demand in business to pick up."

Forelli, the Independence manager, believes any progress made will be sector by sector.

"In economically sensitive companies such as manufacturing-related ones, the tone should be improving, but on the tech side the news won't be nearly as good," he said, adding that technology is heavily dependent on corporate spending and, at this point, more companies are cutting their budgets than expanding them.

That said, the summer historically has been a difficult time for Wall Street because people go on vacation, and attention tends to turn away from the markets. And there is the one wildcard that could upset any turnaround—the possibility of more terrorism.

Although Wall Street has become more accustomed to the government's warnings about more attacks, most analysts agree another catastrophic event could send stocks precipitously lower again—no matter what the earnings outlook is.

The indexes ended the week on a mixed note, but, with the exception of the Dow, ended a five-week losing streak that had been in place since May 17. *AP*

US net debtor again in 2001

WASHINGTON—The gap between US-based investments abroad and foreign investments in the United States grew again in 2001, to a record $1.948 trillion, the government said on Friday.

That's up from a revised $1.351 trillion gap at the end of 2000, the Commerce Department said in its annual report on the nation's net international investment position. Commerce said the increase in the US position as a net debtor nation came from large purchases of US stocks and bonds by foreigners, a stronger US dollar and a decline in the value of overseas stocks held by US investors.

The report, which also includes assets owned by governments as well as private investors, underscored how dependent the United States has become on global investors for capital, a vulnerability that has come under renewed scrutiny with the recent decline of the dollar in foreign exchange markets.

While the Bush administration has continued to say it advocates a "strong dollar" policy, recent jitters in US stock markets and growing concern over the trustworthiness of US accounting have weakened the greenback. On Friday, the euro neared one-to-one parity with the dollar and has gained more than 10 percent against the greenback this year.

The report's numbers are based on estimates of the current cost to replace plants and equipment and other tangible assets. Under a different valuation method, market value, the gap was larger, at $2.309 trillion at the end of 2001 from a revised $1.583 trillion at the end of 2000.

The report said foreign purchases of assets in the United States fell sharply in 2001.

"Foreign direct investment in the United States slowed substantially as a result of a large drop in foreign acquisitions of US companies," Commerce said.

US acquisitions of assets abroad also slowed sharply, dropping to $371.0 billion from a record $606.5 billion in 2000.

While economists fret over the US dependence on overseas capital, the phenomenon has been a long-standing one. The Commerce Department said the last time the United States was a net creditor nation, that its investments overseas outweighed those of foreign investors in the United States, was in 1985.

The gap that year was a positive one of $54.3 billion. *Reuters*

Disney files new financial reports

LOS ANGELES—The Walt Disney Co. has filed amended financial reports to correct a math error relating to new accounting rules.

The corrections for the first and second quarter do not change the company's previously reported net income or balance sheet, according to the reports, filed Friday with the Securities and Exchange Commission after the close of markets.

The recalculations affect a line in the quarterly statements that reported the previous year's income as if a recent accounting change had been in effect.

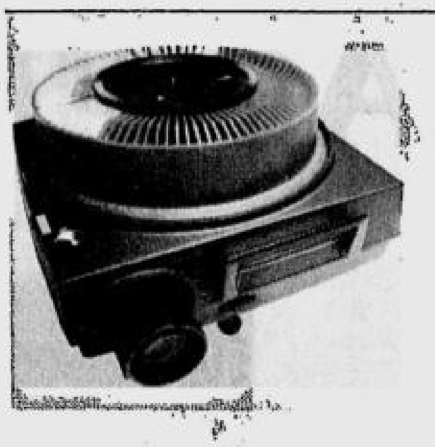
The accounting change requires companies to reflect the loss of goodwill, or the difference between what a company paid for an investment, such as an acquisition, and what that investment is actually worth today.

Disney said its reporting failed to take into effect the goodwill effect on its Internet division.

The amended reports are in the company's favor.

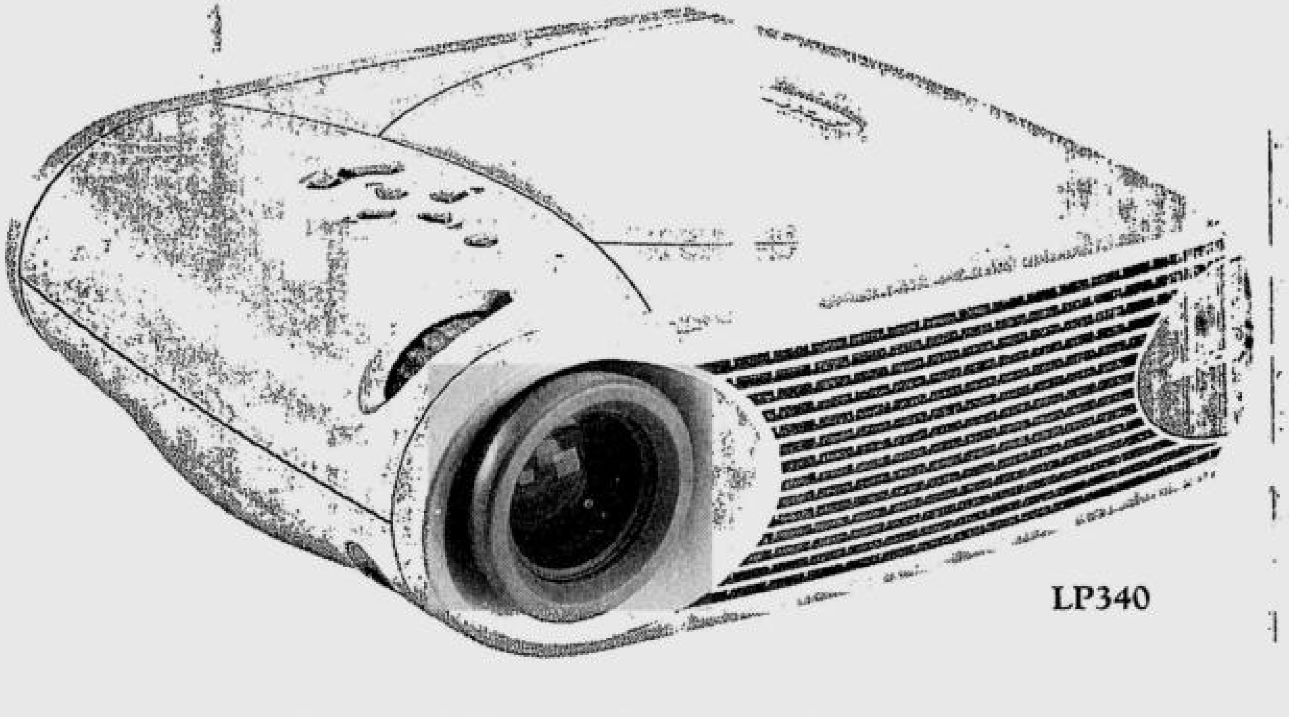
For instance, for the first quarter ended Dec. 31, 2001, Disney said its earnings for the prior year's period, before the effect of the accounting change, were $440 million, or 21 cents per share.

In the amended report, that figure is $565 million, or 27 cents per share. *AP*


Adiós

Sayonara

Good-bye


LP340

- Advanced DLP™ display from Texas Instruments
- Bright 1300 ANSI lumens, SVGA
- Weighs only 3kg.
- HDTV compatible
- Two computer inputs
- Conference-room features in a portable package
- Affordable alternative to slides, overheads and flipcharts
- Easy to use – just turn it on and go!

Warranty: (International) Two years on parts and labor.
(Philippines) Exclusive InFocus/InCare Program

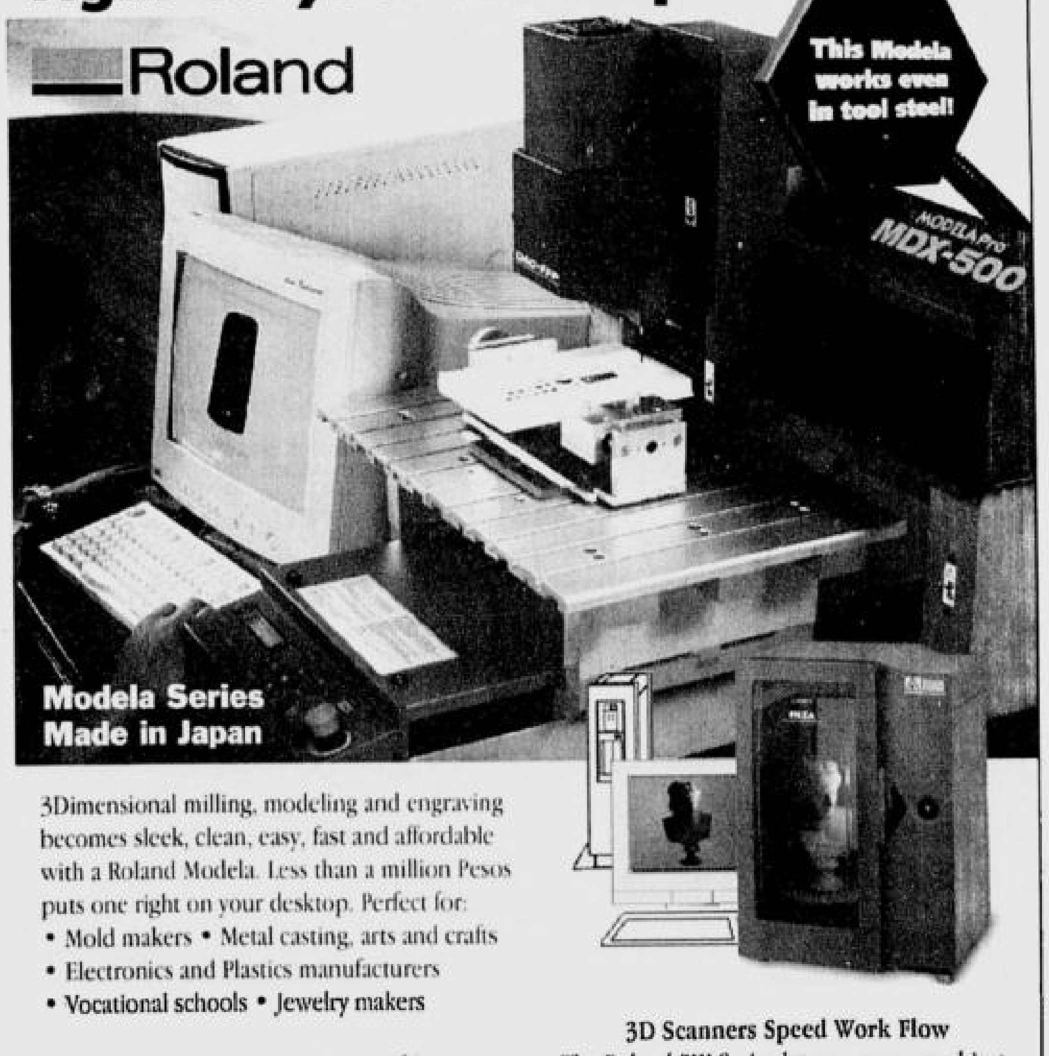
For a free demo of this and/or other models, call 723-0601 or visit www.infocus.com

InFocus®
The World's No. 1 Projector Company.

Exclusive Distributor & Service Provider:
better solutions
AMERICAN TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
url: www.ati.com.ph • e-mail: infocus@ati.com.ph
Tel: 723-0601 • Fax: 723-7951

Less than a million puts professional CNC performance right on your desktop

Roland



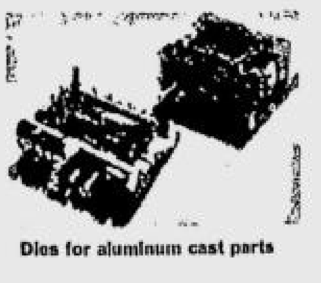
3Dimensional milling, modeling and engraving becomes sleek, clean, easy, fast and affordable with a Roland Modela. Less than a million Pesos puts one right on your desktop. Perfect for:
- Mold makers • Metal casting, arts and crafts
- Electronics and Plastics manufacturers
- Vocational schools • Jewelry makers

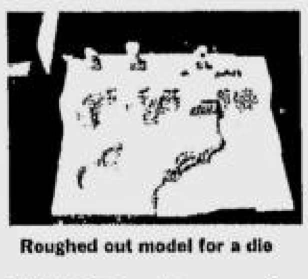
Modela offers all the capabilities you'd expect from a professional 3–axis CNC machine. Seven robust and reliable models let you produce in ABS, acrylic, modeling wax, aluminum, copper, brass and, with the larger machines, even tool steel!

3D Scanners Speed Work Flow

The Roland PIX Series let you scan any object and get a 3D image that can be edited, processed and manipulated. Your CAD "drawing" is a breeze, and you use it on Modela to produce actual 3D objects like these:

Fine detail engraving in acrylic


Dies for aluminum cast parts


Roughed out model for a die

Small lot production

Serious Designs need Roland

Exclusive Distributor
Tgraf
Total Graphic Solutions

Tel: 725–5223 (direct line) or 723–0601, Badette on loc. 327 • FAX: 723–7951
#455 Gen. Bautista, San Juan 1500, M.M.
url: tgraf.com.ph
e-mail: inquire@tgraf.com.ph

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING DIVISION
Main Office: PASONG TAMO, MAKATI CITY
☎ 8972535 (Direct) ☎ 8978808 (Trunk) Fax 8974808
G/F ATRIUM BLDG., MAKATI AVENUE, MAKATI CITY
☎ 8114361 ☎ 8114370 ☎ 8114012 Fax 8925578
ST. ANTHONY'S BLDG., AURORA BLVD., QUEZON CITY
☎ 912-9008-11 Fax 912-9011
SM MEGAMALL, MANDALUYONG CITY
☎ 6350219 ☎ 6872354 ☎ 6872366 Fax 6350220
G/F TRINITY BLDG., 636 T.M. KALAW ST., ERMITA, MANILA
☎ 5273342 ☎ 5280183 ☎ 5276357 Fax 5280213
ALABANG, MUNTINLUPA CITY
☎ 8424503 ☎ 8506465 Fax 8506465
e-mail address: main_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

NATIONAL CLASSIFIEDS

The Widest Reaching Classifieds

RATES
P230 per column centimeter
P65 per line
(All prices exclusive of E-VAT)

DEADLINES
for reservations / cancellations / corrections
Mondays to Saturdays 12:00 noon Day before publication
Sundays 12:00 noon every Thursday

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

MEDICAL

PHYSICIAN/SURGEON

RAPID Tx VD-STD
SCARS Ex SWEAT ALLERGIES
15 Annapolis, Greenhills
Call 7276124 to 25 9am-7pm

PERSONAL

MASSAGE

'02 Hot Stuff
Tel. #3233269

•5527957•
CAMPUS HUNKS

AKHIN THAI MASSAGE#0917 4116004 Mla#8347357. Cebu

BOYWATCH 8890170

COMPANY B 8443896

★BONG 0916-4329065★

JAMES MALE 24HRS SERVICE 8511883 ; 0916-4404374

LADY ESCORTS 8903543

MALE 16 PALANAN 7320659

SCIENTIFIC SHIATSU M/F 0916-5412843/2862142 RENE

UNWIND 752-0437

UNWIND 752-0437

REFLEXOLOGY

Edward 7289285 09183257044

H-H-MS MALE 7314018

JD REFLEX HH/S 0919-4775476

MALE SPA 562 BANAUE 7411426

REFLEX CARLA 716-4898

Wizard Massage 4213197

TUTORIAL LESSONS

Art Lessons • 725-3470 to 71

•LIGHT-5268216 OR 70•

TUTORIAL SERVICE
(0918) 340-0111 • 925-1163

MISCELLANEOUS

Car Registration / Transfer Ownership / Etc. • Call Red ; 0919-8804671 • 634-8654

Guides M/F • 0917-8912920

HOUSEHOLD

HOUSEHOLD JOBS

IDEAL MAIDS PROVL 732-6750

Good Maid Yaya Cook 7572089

Help Agency 532-1947 • 532-8376

Home Maid Specialist
Call Tel. 660-4589

Looking 4 Quality Service?
Maid Boy Yaya Driver PT
Nurse Mwife Call Regent
7328405 7429329 7329642

MAIDS 9124701•9124706

PROVINCIAL ALL AROUND
MAIDS
Call:Joy•8712372•8722792

Prov'l Trusted Maids Yaya
CALL: 873-7055 • 873-7057

ANGEL'S HANDS MAIDS
w/NBI&BI 4212938 8834270

RELIABLE MAIDS 4216053

RELIABLE MAIDS 8330946/47

Trusted Guarantee Maids & honest w/NBI&BI 8227269•7769512

TRUSTED QUALITY MAIDS
W/NBI & BI 421-3828

LIPAT BAHAY

400Lipat 6817623/6817136

L-BAHAY 9206784 4540520

A-1 Lipat Bahay 4313974

CHEAP LBAHAY 9260424•

L-BAHAY 8383742/5447599

LBAHAY 7113540

L-BAHAY 712-16-92

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

HOUSEHOLD

LIPAT BAHAY

LIPAT-BAHAY •7767680•

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

COMML/RESDL

PASIG

418sqm 2Sty Apt. fnt College, Chrch 6414589, 09175372340

64,383T sqm Pasig 10 mins: to Ortigas T-6414589, 09175372340

OTHER AREAS

★SUBIC 52has@300/m² neg w/fruit trees 0916-3741571

HOUSE & LOT

MANILA

NR LA SALLE TAFT
Twnhse/3stry/3br/3tb/grge P3M up 8903461 loc 34

MARIKINA

Grnlnd bnew 3br 2M 9487112

PASIG

Capitol 8 Pasig 4br Pool 400m² P13M 633-7601/03

QUEZON CITY

Acropolis 4-6Brs P14-34M . Vacant Lots 300; 500; 700m² P33-38T/sqm 633-7601/03

Californian Inspired!
Kamias New 6BR/4TB 2CG
#75 K-9 St 4.8M neg 3725866

For Lease/Sale 960m² 3Hses 5TB w/warehse for residence/ factory #5 Manhattan St., Cubao,QC Tel.#-531-7219/89

Nova P6T/mo 11yrs 9390299

NOVALICHES 390T 9304750

HOUSE & LOT FOR SALE
WEST TRIANGLE
QUEZON CITY PRIME AREA
LOT AREA : 630 SQ.M.
FLR. AREA : 1,200 SQ.M.
3-STOREYS PLUS ATTIC
FULLY FURNISHED, 8 BEDRMS
12 T&B PLUS MAIDS QUARTERS
& DRIVERS QUARTERS
WITH 6 CAR GARAGE
W/ SPECIAL AMENITIES:
- OFFICE / LIBRARY
- GYM, SAUNA, JACUZZI, STEAM BATH
- MULTI-PURPOSE GAZEBO
- ELEVATOR

CALL 3723206
3719702 TO 04
4108367 TO 69

RIZAL

139m² 3.2M Greenwoods
Executive Village, Cainta, Rizal • Tel.# 641-1802

AYALA LAND ANTIPOLO
1.6M up 10%DP
6873372

MONTALBAN 360T 6495616

ROBINSONS HOMES
ANTIPOLO
s.attached 1.6Mup 6873372

SAN JUAN

North Greenhills 600sqm
632-0430 • 0917-8440328

PROVINCIAL

Nice H/L P1.8M • 911-7940

STA. ROSA 6T/MO 11YRS 5202784

OTHER AREAS

LAGUNA BEL AIR 3
"Affordable na, first class pa"
Hurry! 95 units left 0917-9114250 Luis

LOT

LAS PINAS

Gloria Diaz St. BF Resort 312m² Via 5634029 7522180

TALON LAS PINAS 204m² @4,500m² 6873372 /6391694

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

LOT

MAKATI

Zapote nr J.P.Rizal 246m² P28T 5646593 5633742 09178473744

PROPERTY FOR SALE
Lot - 355 sq.m.
House - 53.25 sq.m.
Address - 3824 Mascardo Street
Tejeros, Makati City
Contact person
Nita del Rosario
Tel. 897-8808 loc. 229

MANDALUYONG

4974m² Samat Mand 535-2289

MARIKINA

250m² 350T 6272946 Minda

Parang LaColina 237.5m² P4500/m² (Neg) 941-7706

PARANAQUE

San Dionisio Pque 577m² 724-7020 • 0917-5367018

QUEZON CITY

LOYOLA GRAND VILLAS
CHOICE LOTS with VIEW
929-1832 • 426-5650

Vista Real Classica Q.C. 300sqm Call 929-7580

RIZAL

177 sqm Valle View Subd. Cainta, Rizal Tel. 9260267

Raw Land 950 to 1000m² @ 2500/m² Taytay Rizal Tel.# 641-1793 • 747-7304

Sn. Mateo Bankers Vill. 240m² P3000 / m² 941-7706

The Richdale No. I Subd in Antipolo 4T/m² 6873372

PROVINCIAL

1607 sqm Santo Cristo Nueva Ecija Tel. 9260267

Binakayan Fishpond 1 Hec. Along Bypass Road Near Island Cove Resort Cell 0917-6948058

FOR SALE
Five(5) hectare property with clean individual titles, 90% developed, 10 meter-wide roads, along DRT Highway, Baliuag, Bulacan; Complete with nice entrance gate, perimeter fence and ready for sale with HLURB, ECC permit, etc. P65 M only, call 875-3759; 875-4553 to 60 local 119 - Rosie; 044-766-5114 - Raquel. Only Direct Buyers will be entertained.

Invest now and gain a lot in the future
Cavite Light Ind'l Park
With 1.98 Hec. Commercial Blk.
Phase 1 Ready for Move-in
Phase II at Php. 1,600/sqm
Maguyam Rd, Carmona Cavite
Tel. 631-4069 /635-8108 Jonathan
Brokers are Welcome

LIPA CITY 7has@P100/m² w/coco trees 801-6251

Tagaytay 1174 & 496 sqm Infront Mahogany Market Cell 0917-6948058

Tagaytay Southridge I Near Clubhaus 240sqm Tel. 6413812 • 641-3486

Tagaytay Southridge I Near Clubhaus 240sqm Tel. 6413812 • 641-3486

CONDO/TWNHSE/ APT

LAS PINAS

Better Living 3BR 3TB Maids Rm 200sqm P4.5 0920-2538723 0916-4747982

BF Resort 3BR 2TB FA 90 sqm P1.6 0920-2538723 / 0916-4747982

MAKATI

Skyland Condo Makati Btiful 3br FF w/Parking P5.8M or Rent P42T 533-9716 / 633-6428

MANDALUYONG

78sqm Pioneer Highlands 2BR 632-0430 0917-8440328

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

CONDO/TWNHSE/ APT

PASIG

300FA, 125LA 3 Storeys 4BR, 5T&B, San Antonio Vill., Ortigas Ctr. • 0917-8880908

Alexandra / Reinassance 3br 4tb P9.5 - 16M Sale P45-90T Rent 633-7601/03

Alexandra Condo 216m² Btiful FF 3br w/ 2 Parking Slot For Rent 85T For Sale P12M 533-9716 / 633-6428

QUEZON CITY

38sqm 2BR FF Panay Ave. 632-0430 • 0917-8440328

BURGUNDY Rent / Sale 2BR Ataneo FFurn 09175382463

SCT CASTOR NR MORATO 3br 3tb 2cg 3.5M 6873372

TH Bellvue P12M • 911-7940

SAN JUAN

G'HILLS 1 BR 526-8048

Ghills T-house Nice 722-7397

MEMORIAL LOT

MEMORIAL VAULTS for the cremated ashes of departed loved ones VISAYAS AVE. QC only 2,687DP; 632/mo. For more info:728-8049 Lyn

RESORT

BEACH LOT FOR SALE
1,260m² white beach lot located at Bo. Bantigue, Pagbilao, Quezon. 2-3 hrs. drive fr. Manila, back, concreted road, nat'l. hi-way, with Meralco & H2O (Lupala) Contact EVELYN at 658-8561 to 63 Monday to Friday for details

RETREAT HSE HOT SPRING PANSOL
CALAMBA LAGUNA
7BR pray rm overlooking terrace swim pool cabana dining deckroof jacuzi spa sauna 2storey guest sports hse 10pin bowling alley 25M 09194923548 3000m² 3717267/3758618

ZAMBALES AREAS
Call 0919-3279260

FACTORY/WHSE

WAREHOUSES FOR SALE OR LEASE
- ONE STOREY CONCRETE
- FLR. AREAS - 1,008 & 707SQ.M.
- THREE PHASE ELECTRICITY BY MERALCO
- WITH DIRECT DIAL TELEPHONE LINE
- ABUNDANT WATER SUPPLY
- BULACAN AGRO-INDUSTRIAL SUBD., MALOLOS - CALUMPIT BOUNDARY

For inquiries, pls. call :
Lexber Realty Mgt. & Mktg.
3742584; 3723206
3719702 TO 04
410-8367 TO 69

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

APARTMENT

MANILA

Apt 7841746/6682108

QUEZON CITY

Nr SM City Edsa 2BR U&D w/ Prkg 80C Pangasinan T-9263934 CP# 0917-4796789 • P6,500/mo.

•P5.5T Studio T-9267419

SFDM 1&2br 10Tmo 3725866

HOUSE

MAKATI

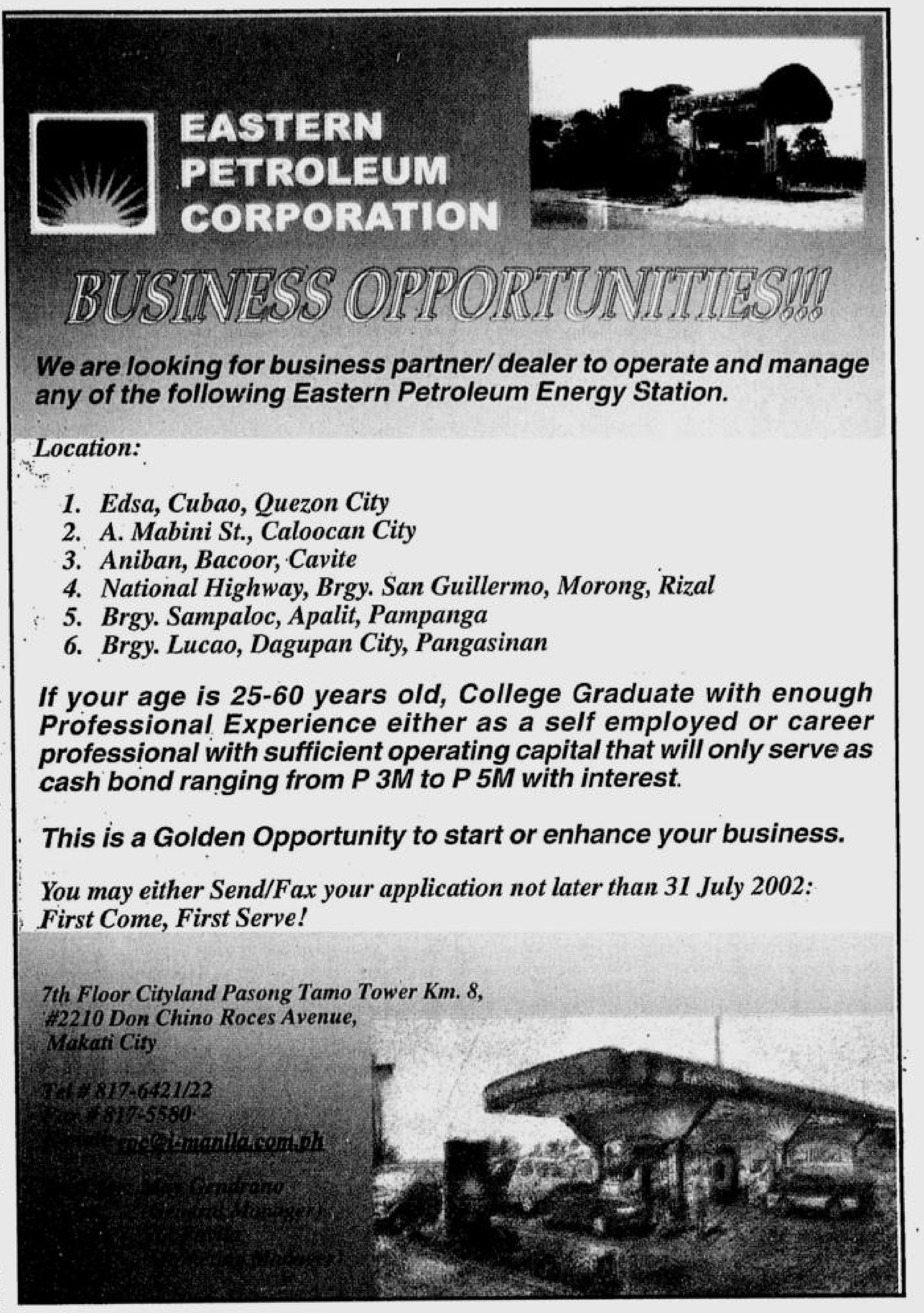
SANLO DUPLEX 5268048

PARANAQUE

MGV Pque 2sty 5BR4TB w/Tel nr SM Bic CP09195546815 DD

QUEZON CITY

Acropolis / Crnthian / Valle 4-6br 60-120T 633-7601/03



EASTERN PETROLEUM CORPORATION

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES!!!

We are looking for business partner/ dealer to operate and manage any of the following Eastern Petroleum Energy Station.

Location:

1. *Edsa, Cubao, Quezon City*
2. *A. Mabini St., Caloocan City*
3. *Aniban, Bacoor, Cavite*
4. *National Highway, Brgy. San Guillermo, Morong, Rizal*
5. *Brgy. Sampaloc, Apalit, Pampanga*
6. *Brgy. Lucao, Dagupan City, Pangasinan*

If your age is 25-60 years old, College Graduate with enough Professional Experience either as a self employed or career professional with sufficient operating capital that will only serve as cash bond ranging from P 3M to P 5M with interest.

This is a Golden Opportunity to start or enhance your business.

You may either Send/Fax your application not later than 31 July 2002: First Come, First Serve!

7th Floor Cityland Pasong Tamo Tower Km. 8,
#2210 Don Chino Roces Avenue,
Makati City

Tel # 817-6421/22
Fax # 817-5580
[illegible]@i-manila.com.ph

[illegible] Gendrano
([illegible] Manager)

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

HOUSE

PROVINCIAL

3BR 1Mds 2TB 13500 Neg Sta Rosa 7709921 0919-6047811

OTHER AREAS

BET LVG PQE 4BR 3TB TEL 2GRG 18T/MO 09177948571

CONDO/TWNHSE

MAKATI

new studio/2BR/clinic/OFC P9T up • no association dues 1672 Dian St., Mkti. nr Buendia. Call Rose 843-9418 or 536-9509

PARANAQUE

3Bdr 3TB Patio 1CG Mds Qtr Nice Garden 15T Contact: 8215180 Juaning

PASIG

CMegaplaza ADB Ave. Ortigas Studio Fully Furn 14K Neg. 0917-9681708 (4 Sing Fem Only)

FOR LEASE

124 sqm 2F DAO I BLDG
189 SALCEDO ST, LEGASPI
VILL,MKTI-8140615 (EDITH)

200m²-3000m² Covered Whse Located at Las Pinas. Evelyn 8725253/8733993

53 GOV PASCUAL WHSE 3610652

ROOM & BOARD

New Ladies Dorm Nr UST Class"A" Tel.6451185/6810992

BEDSPACE

nr DLSU w/food P6 5T 8092148

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

LOAN & MORTGAGE

2% w/o TAKING CAR 3677523/24

Car Sangla While-U-Wait
30 Mins. Cash / No Gimmick!
9241254 • 9264160 • 9259121

Salary Loan & Real Estate Mortgaged 3%/mo.
Tel.# 641-1802 • 747-7304

BUSINESS RENTAL

524 EDSA KALOOKAN 3610652

BLDG 4 RESTO/BANK 1013 MA OROSA ERMITA 5251339

LRI Business Plz Reposo Mkti Gym/Bar/Spa/Resto/Cafe • 895-5470/8114436 • M-F

MAKATI OFFICE FOR RENT 200m² w/ 2 parking • 50T/mo Tel. 6362801 Ms. Mely

MALATE office 150m² 8992148

TRANSPORTATION FOR SALE

CARS

HYUNDAI

94Grace 150T, 97 H100 230T 2001 Starex 690T, all power A1 Cond,LTO reg'n, financing ok! 731-7984 / 731-6550

KIA

97Besta 160T, 98Pregio 300T, 97-98Asia Topic 245T, all power A1 Cond, LTO reg'n,financing ok! 731-7984 / 731-6550

VOLVO

98 S40 Volvo 1st Own 36TH KM 5 Speed Tel 0917-8111189

VERY PRIME PROPERTIES
AT BARGAIN PRICES

ROXAS BOULEVARD – BAYVIEW TOWER 1 GRD. FLOOR
COMMERCIAL AREA 340 SQ.M. – P38,000 PER SQ.M.
WACK – WACK ROYAL MANSION – 17TH FLR RESIDENTIAL
CONDO 76.69 SQ.M. FURNISHED W/ PARKING – P5.5M
BAGUIO CITY – RAW LANDS
MARCOS HIGHWAY 81,656 SQ.M. – P250 PER SQ.M.
NAGUILIAN ROAD 19,315 SQ.M. – P300 PER SQ.M.
CABANATUAN – RAW LAND W/ SUBDIVISION APPROVAL
FOR HOUSING 71,175 SQ.M. – P220 PER SQ.M.
BULACAN
10 HAS. FARM PROPERTY – P50 PER SQ.M. 50KMS FR. Q.C.
2.6 HAS. INDUSTRIAL – P300 PER SQ.M. 65KMS FR. Q.C.
500 TO 1,000 SQ.M. COMM'L LOTS ALONG MCARTHUR
HIGHWAY – P4,000 PER SQ.M. 45KMS FR. Q.C.

For inquiries, please call: LEXBER Realty Mgt. & Mktg.
☎ 3719702 TO 04, 4108367 TO 69, 4106688
3742584, 3723206, 3719706

TRANSPORTATION FOR SALE

CARS

OTHER CAR BRANDS

Safari Pajero Mu Prado Hi-Town Ace Terrano Surf Delica 9132224 / 4381161

HEAVY EQUIPMENT/ TRANSPORT

Executive Aircraft Beechcraft, Baron B55 Fax (02)850-9018 For Information

TRANSPORTATION FOR RENT

CARS FOR RENT

L3•Cars• 9273453 4538295

Starex MB100
Coaster Bus
Call 631-3496 • 637-7396

ABC-CARS & VANS
Starex, Urvan, REVO, L300, HiAce, MB100, Altis, Honda, Cefiro, Lancer, Corolla, Lynx, Corona, Exalta, Mazda, Sentra
Manila H.O. 5368822 / 3039789
Q.C. Br. 4251391 9262314

BRDAL MB VANS 9290250

RA Form No 101 (LCRO)
Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry
Province: Compostela Valley
City/Municipality: Monkayo

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that Eugenio Taganas Racionero has filed with this office a petition for change of first name from "Geronimo Jr." to Eugenio in the birth certificate of Geronimo Taganas Racionero Jr. who was born on 08 January 1963 at Pasian, Monkayo, Davao and whose parents are Geronimo Daclan Racionero and Anita Taganas.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than 23 June 2002

(Sgd.) LOLITA C. CAÑEDA
City/Municipal Civil Registrar

(PDI--July 1, 2002)

ALL GARMENT EXPORTERS

Contact us with your requirements for:
- Accessories
- Machinery
- Folders, Attachments and Spareparts
- Sewing Needles
- Factory Consumables

Miracle Sourcing
Room 701, 7th Floor Kimberley Plaza
45-47 Kimberley Road, Tsim Sha Tsui
Kowloon, Hongkong
Tel.: 236-83392 • Fax: 236-87216
E-mail: email@miraclesourcing.com

TRANSPORTATION FOR RENT

CARS FOR RENT

CAR VANS 410-0495

Vans Coaster Bus 913-9123

HI ACE VANS 8252988

TRANSPORTATION FOR RENT

CARS FOR RENT

JB CARS
Promo Rates #536-2048 526-6288/808-1632

L300/Vans 578-8917 (Roger)

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING DIVISION
Main Office: PASONG TAMO, MAKATI CITY
☎ 8972535 (Direct) ☎ 8978008 (Trunk) Fax 8974808
G F ATRIUM BLDG., MAKATI AVENUE, MAKATI CITY
☎ 8114361 ☎ 8114370 ☎ 8114012 Fax 8925578
ST ANTHONY'S BLDG., AURORA BLVD., QUEZON CITY
☎ 912 9008 11 Fax 912-9011
SM MEGAMALL, MANDALUYONG CITY
☎ 6350219 ☎ 6872354 ☎ 6872366 Fax 6350220
G F TRINITY BLDG., 636 T.M. KALAW ST., ERMITA, MANILA
☎ 5273342 ☎ 5280183 ☎ 5276357 Fax 5280211
ALABANG, MUNTINLUPA CITY
☎ 8424503 ☎ 8506465 Fax 8506465
e-mail address: main_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
NATIONAL
CLASSIFIEDS
Widest Reaching Classified

MONDAY, JULY 1, 2002

RATES
P230 per column centimeter
P65 per line

DEADLINES

for reservations	cancellations	corrections
Mondays to Saturdays		Sundays
12:00 noon		12:00 noon
Day before publication		every Thursday

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

MEDICAL

PHYSICIAN/SURGEON

RAPID Tx VD-STD
SCARS Ex SWEAT ALLERGIES
15 Annapolis, Greenhills
Call 7276124 to 25 9am-7pm

PERSONAL

MASSAGE

'02 Hot Stuff
Tel. # 3233269

•5527957•
CAMPUS HUNKS

AKHIN THAI MASSAGE#0917 4116004 Mla#8347357. Cebu

BOYWATCH 8890170

COMPANY B 8443896

★BONG 0916-4329065★

JAMES MALE 24HRS SERVICE 8511883 ; 0916-4404374

LADY ESCORTS 8903543

MALE 16 PALANAN 7320659

SCIENTIFIC SHIATSU M/F 0916-5412843 2862142 RENE

UNWIND 52 14

UNWIND [illegible]

REFLEXOLOGY

Edward 7289285 09183257044

H-H-MS MALE 7314018

JO REFLEX HH/S 0919-4775476

MALE SPA 562 BANAUE 7411426

REFLEX CARLA 716-4898

Wizard Massage 4213197

TUTORIAL LESSONS

Art Lessons • 725-3470 to 71

• LIGHT-5268216 OR 70 •

TUTORIAL SERVICE
(0918) 340-0111 • 925-1163

MISCELLANEOUS

Car Registration / Transfer Ownership / Etc. • Call Red 0919-8804671 • 634-8654

Guides M/F • 0917-8912920

HOUSEHOLD

HOUSEHOLD JOBS

IDEAL MAIDS PROVL 732-6750

Good Maid Yaya [illegible]

Help Agency 532-1947 • 532-8376

Home Maid Specialist
Call Tel 660-4589

Looking 4 Quality Service?
Maid Boy Yaya Driver PT
Nurse Mwife Call Regent
7328405 7429329 7329642

MAIDS 9124701•9124706

PROVINCIAL ALL AROUND
MAIDS
Call:Joy•8712372•8722792

Prov'l Trusted Maids Yaya
CALL 873-7055 • 873-7057

ANGEL'S HANDS MAIDS
w.NBI&BI 4212938 8834270

RELIABLE MAIDS 4216053

RELIABLE MAIDS 83[illegible]

Trusted Guarantee Maids & honest w.NBI&BI 8227269•7769512

TRUSTED QUALITY MAIDS W/NBI & BI 421-3878

LIPAT BAHAY

400Lipat 6817623/6817136

[illegible] 06 14 [illegible]

A-1 Lipat Bahay 4313974

•CHEAP LBAHAY 9260424•

L-BAHAY 8383742/5447599

L BAHAY 7113540

L-BAHAY 712-16-92

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

HOUSEHOLD

LIPAT BAHAY

LIPAT-BAHAY •7767680•

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

COMM'L/RESI'L

PASIG

418sqm 2Sty Apt. Fnt College. Chrch 6414589, 09175372340

64 38[illegible]
Ortigas T [illegible] 118589 09[illegible]

OTHER AREAS

★SUBIC 52has - 300[illegible] log fruit trees 0916-3741571

HOUSE & LOT

MANILA

NR LA SALLE TAFT
[illegible] 3Sty 3br 2[illegible]
P3M [illegible]

MARIKINA

Grnlnd bnew 3br 2M 9487112

PASIG

Capitol 8 Pasig 4br Pool 400m² P13M 633-7601/03

QUEZON CITY

Acropolis 4-6Brs P14-34M Vacant Lots 300 500 700m² P33-38T/sqm 633-7601/03

Californian Inspired!
Kamias New 6BR/4TB 2CG
#75 K-9 St 4.8M neg 3725866

[illegible]
5TB [illegible]
[illegible] Ma
Cubao OK

Nova P6T/mo 11yrs 9390299

NOVALICHES 390T 9304750

HOUSE & LOT FOR SALE
WEST TRIANGLE
QUEZON CITY PRIME AREA
LOT AREA [illegible]
FLR. AREA [illegible],700 SQ.M
3-STOREYS PLUS ATTIC
FULLY FURNISHED, 8 BEDRMS
12 T&B PLUS MAIDS QUARTERS
& DRIVERS QUARTERS
WITH 6 CAR GARAGE
W/ SPECIAL AMENITIE
- OFFICE / LIBRARY
- GYM, SAUNA, JAC
STEAM BATH
- MULTI PURPOSE [illegible]
ELEVATOR
CALL 3723206
3719702 TO 04
4108367 TO 69

RIZAL

139m² 3.2M Greenwoods
[illegible]

AYALA LAND ANTIPOLO
1.6M up 10%DP
6873372

MONTALBAN 360T 6495616

ROBINSONS HOMES ANTIPOLO
s.attached 1.6Mup 6873372

SAN JUAN

North Greenhills 600sqm
[illegible] 44

PROVINCIAL

Nice H/L P1.8M • 911-7940

STA. ROSA 6T/MO 11YRS 5202784

OTHER AREAS

LAGUNA BEL AIR 3
"Affordable na first class pa"

LOT

LAS PINAS

Gloria Diaz St BF Resort 312m² Via 5634029 7522180

TALON LAS PINAS 204m @4,500m 6873372 6391694

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

LOT

MAKATI

[illegible]
5646593 [illegible]

PROPERTY FOR SALE
Lot - 355 sq m
House - 53 25 sq m
Address - 3824 Mascardo Street
Tejeros, Makati City
Contact person
Nita del Rosario
Tel. 897-8808 loc. 229

MANDALUYONG

4974m² Samal Mand 535-2289

MARIKINA

250m² 350T 6272946 Minda

Parang LaColina 237.5m P4500/m² (Neg) 941-7706

PARANAQUE

San Dionisio Pque 577m²

QUEZON CITY

LOYOLA GRAND VILLAS
CHOICE LOTS with VIEW
929-1832 • 426-5650

Vista Real Classica Q.C 300sqm Call 929-7580

RIZAL

177 sqm Valle View Subd Cainta, Rizal Tel 9260267

Raw Land 950 to 1000m²
3•7

Sn Mateo Bankers Vill 240m P3000 / m² 941-7706

The Richdale No 1 Subd in Antipolo 4T/m² 6873372

PROVINCIAL

1607 sqm Santo Cristo Nueva Ecija Tel. 9260267

Binakayan Fishpond 1 Hec Along Bypass Road Near Island Cove Resort Cell 0917-6948058

FOR SALE

Cavite Light Ind'l Park

LIPA CITY 7has@P100/m² w/coco trees 801-6251

Tagaytay 1174 & 496 sqm Infront Mahogany Market Cell 0917-6948058

Tagaytay Southridge I Near Clubhaus 240sqm Tel 6413817 • 641-3486

Tagaytay Southridge I Near Clubhaus 240sqm Tel 6413817 • 641-3486

CONDO/TWNHSE/APT

LAS PINAS

Better Living 3BR 3TB Maids Rm 200sqm P4.5 0920-2538723 0916-4747982

BF Resort 3BR 2TB FA 90 sqm P1.6 0920-2538723 0916-4747982

MAKATI

Skyland Condo Makati Bldlt 3br FF w/Parking P5.8M or Rent P42T 533-9716 633-6428

MANDALUYONG

78sqm Pioneer Highlands

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

CONDO/TWNHSE/APT

PASIG

300FA, 125LA 3 Storeys 3BR [illegible]T&B San Antonio Vil Ortigas Ctr • 0917-8880908

Alexandra Reinassance 3br 4tb P9.5 16M Sale P45-90T Rent 633-7601/03

Alexandra Condo 216m Bldlt FF 3br w/ 2 Parking Slot For Rent 85T For Sale P12M 533-9716 633-6428

QUEZON CITY

38sqm 2BR FF Panay Ave. [illegible] 8110328

BURGUNDY Rent / Sale 2BR Alaneo FFurn 09175382463

SCT CASTOR NR MORATO 3br 3tb 2cg 3.5M 6873372

TH Bellvue P12M • 911-7940

SAN JUAN

G'HILLS 1 BR 526-8048

Ghills T-house Nice 722-7397

MEMORIAL LOT

MEMORIAL VAULTS
VISAYAS AVE. QC
728-8049

RESORT

BEACH LOT FOR SALE

Contact EVELYN at 658-8561 to 63 Monday to Friday for details

RETREAT HSE HOT SPRING PANSOL
CALAMBA LAGUNA
7BR pray rm overlooking terrace swim pool cabana dining deckroof jacuzi spa sauna 2storey guest sports hse 10pin bowling alley 25M 09194923548 3000m²
3717267/3758618

ZAMBALES AREAS
Call 0919-3279260

FACTORY/WHSE

WAREHOUSES
FOR SALE OR LEASE
- ONE STOREY CONCRETE
- FLR. AREAS-1,008 & 707SQ.M.
- THREE PHASE ELECTRICITY BY MERALCO
- WITH DIRECT DIAL TELEPHONE LINE
- ABUNDANT WATER SUPPLY
- BULACAN AGROINDUSTRIAL SUBD MALOLOS - CALUMPIT BOUNDARY

For inquiries pls call
Lexber Realty Mgt. & Mktg.
3742584; 3723206
3719702 to 04
410-8367 to 69

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

APARTMENT

MANILA

Apt 7841746/6682108

QUEZON CITY

Nr SM City Edsa 2BR U&O w/ Prkg 80C Pangasinan T-9263934 CP# 0917-4796789 • P6,500/mo

•P5.6T Studio T-9267419

SFDM 1&2br 10T/mo 3725866

HOUSE

MAKATI

SANLO DUPLEX 5268048

PARANAQUE

MGV Pque 2sty 5BR4TB w/Tel nr SM Bic CP09195546815 DD

QUEZON CITY

Acropolis Crnthian / Valle [illegible] 633 7601 03

EASTERN PETROLEUM CORPORATION

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES!!!

We are looking for business partner/ dealer to operate and manage any of the following Eastern Petroleum Energy Station.

Location:

1. *Edsa, Cubao, Quezon City*
2. *A. Mabini St., Caloocan City*
3. *Aniban, Bacoor, Cavite*
4. *National Highway, Brgy. San Guillermo, Morong, Rizal*
5. *Brgy. Sampaloc, Apalit, Pampanga*
6. *Brgy. Lucao, Dagupan City, Pangasinan*

If your age is 25-60 years old, College Graduate with enough Professional Experience either as a self employed or career professional with sufficient operating capital that will only serve as cash bond ranging from P 3M to P 5M with interest.

This is a Golden Opportunity to start or enhance your business.

You may either Send/Fax your application not later than 31 July 2002: First Come, First Serve!

7th Floor Cityland Pasong Tamo Tower Km. 8,
#2210 Don Chino Roces Avenue,
Makati City

Tel # 817-6421/22
Fax # 817-5580
E-mail: epc@i-manila.com.ph

Look for: May Gendrano
(General Manager)
Val Favila
(Marketing Manager)

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

HOUSE

PROVINCIAL

3BR 1Mds 2TB 13500 Neg Sta Ro[illegible] 0992[illegible] 191 178[illegible]

OTHER AREAS

[illegible] PO[illegible] 4BI
MO[illegible]

CONDO/TWNHSE

MAKATI

new studio/2BR/clinic/OFC P9T up • no association dues 1672 Dian St Mkti nr Buendia Call Rose 843-9418 or 536-9509

PARANAQUE

[illegible]

PASIG

CMegaplaza ADB Ave. Ortigas [illegible]

FOR LEASE

124 sqm 2F DAO I BLDG
189 SALCEDO ST, LEGASPI
VILL, MKTI 8140615 (EDITH)

[illegible] 00m [illegible]
Wh [illegible]

53 GOV PASCUAL WHSE 3610652

ROOM & BOARD

New Ladies Dorm Nr UST Class"A" Tel 6451105.6810907

BEDSPACE

nr DLSU w/food P6.51 8992148

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

LOAN & MORTGAGE

7% w/o TAKING CAR 3677523/24

Car Sangla While-U-Wait
30 Mins. Cash / No Gimmick!
9241254 • 9264160 • 9259121

Salary Loan & Real Estate Mortgaged 3%/mo
[illegible]

BUSINESS RENTAL

524 EDSA KALOOKAN 3610652

BLDG 4 RESTO-BANK 1013 MA OROSA ERMITA 5251339

LRI Business Plz Reposo Mkti Gym-Bar-Spa Resto/Cafe • 895-5470/8114436 • M-F

MAKATI OFFICE FOR RENT
[illegible] Me

MALATE office 150m² 8992148

TRANSPORTATION FOR SALE

CARS

HYUNDAI

94Grace 150T. 97 H100 230T 2001 Starex 690T. all power A1 Cond. LTO reg'n. financing ok! 731-7984 / 731-6550

KIA

97Besta 160T. 98Pregio 300T. 97 98Asia Topic 245T. all power A1 Cond. LTO reg'n. financing ok! 731-7984 / 731-6550

VOLVO

98 S40 Volvo 1st Own 36T[illegible] KM 5 Speed Tel 091[illegible] 8111189

VERY PRIME PROPERTIES
AT BARGAIN PRICES

ROXAS BOULEVARD BAYVIEW TOWER 1 GRD. FLOOR
COMMERCIAL AREA 340 SQ.M. P38,000 PER SQ.M.
WACK – WACK ROYAL MANSION - 17TH FLR RESIDENTIAL
CONDO 76.69 SQ.M. FURNISHED W/ PARKING - P5.5M
BAGUIO CITY RAW LANDS
MARCOS HIGHWAY 81,656 SQ.M. P250 PER SQ.M.
NAGUILIAN ROAD 19,315 SQ.M. P300 PER SQ.M.
CABANATUAN – RAW LAND W/ SUBDIVISION APPROVAL
FOR HOUSING 71,175 SQ.M. P220 PER SQ.M.
BULACAN
10 HAS. FARM PROPERTY - P50 PER SQ.M. 50KMS FR. Q.C.
2.6 HAS. INDUSTRIAL - P300 PER SQ.M. 65KMS FR. Q.C.
500 TO 1,000 SQ.M. COMM'L LOTS ALONG MCARTHUR HIGHWAY P4,000 PER SQ.M. 45KMS FR. Q.C.

For inquiries please call LEXBER Realty Mgt. & Mktg.
☎ 3719702 to 04, 4108367 to 69, 4106688
3742584, 3723206, 3719706

TRANSPORTATION FOR SALE

CARS

OTHER CAR BRANDS

Safari Pajero Mu Prado Hi-Town Ace Terrano Surf Delica 9132224 / 4381161

HEAVY EQUIPMENT/ TRANSPORT

Executive Aircraft Beechcraft Baron 855 Fax (02)850-9018 For Information

TRANSPORTATION FOR RENT

CARS FOR RENT

L3•Cars• 9273463 4530295

Starex MB100
Coaster Bus
Call 631 3496 • 637-7396

ABC-CARS & VANS
[illegible] HI
HiA[illegible] MB1[illegible]
[illegible] Mazd[illegible]
Manila H O 5368822 / 3039789
Q.C. Br. 4251391 9262314

BRDAL MB VANS [illegible]

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry
Province Compostela Valley
City/Municipality Monkayo

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

[illegible] Eugenio Taganas Racionero [illegible] "Geronimo Jr [illegible] Eugenio [illegible] Geronimo Taganas Racionero Jr. [illegible] 08 January 1963 at Pasian, Monkayo, Davao [illegible] Geronimo Dacion Racionero and Anita Taganas

[illegible] 23 June 200.

LOLITA C. CANEDA
[illegible] Registrar

[illegible]

ALL GARMENT EXPORTERS

Contact us with your requirements for:
- Accessories
- Machinery
- Folders, Attachments and Spareparts
- Sewing Needles
- Factory Consumables

Miracle Sourcing
Room 701, 7th Floor Kimberley Plaza
45-47 Kimberley Road, Tsim Sha Tsui
Kowloon, Hongkong
Tel.: 236-83392 • Fax: 236-87216
E-mail: email@miraclesourcing.com

TRANSPORTATION FOR RENT

CARS FOR RENT

CAR VANS 410-0495

Vans Coaster Bus 913-9123

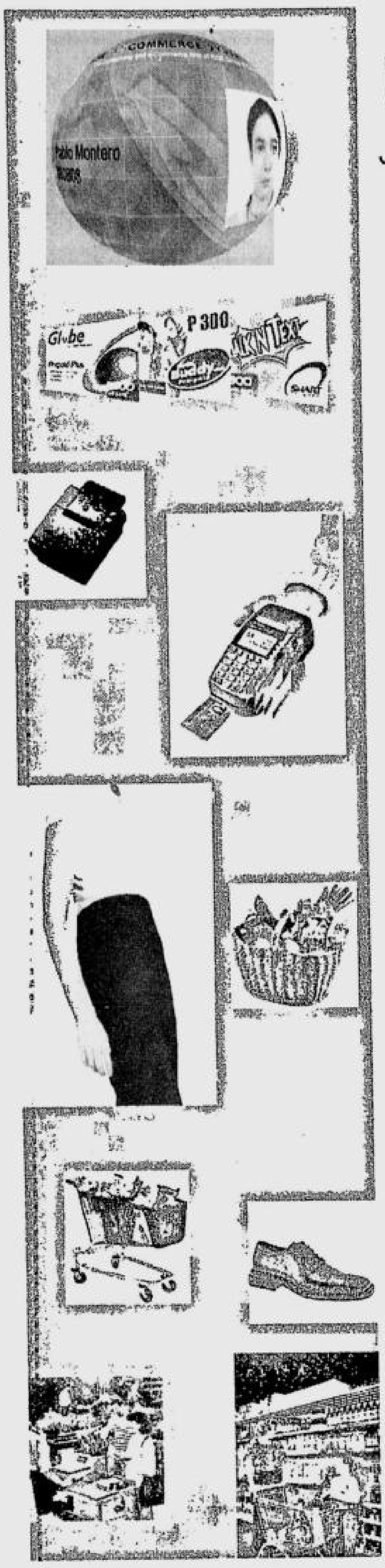
[illegible]ACE VANS 8262088

TRANSPORTATION FOR RENT

CARS FOR RENT

JB CARS
Promo Rates #536-2048 526 6288 808 163[illegible]

L300/Vans 578-8917 (Robert)



MAKE A SMART INVESTMENT NOW!

Join the **RISE Group Franchising Corporation** and experience a business partnership powered by technology and the noble principle of global mutual sharing.

SMART REASONS WHY YOU MUST INVEST WITH US!

Our principle...
At **RISE Group Franchising Corporation**, a subsidiary of the **RISE Group of Companies**, we believe in global mutual sharing principle. We believe that buyers and sellers can mutually benefit from each other's strengths and resources through information technology and consumer empowerment.

Our business...
Through our new **RISE Retail Merchant and RISE Mobile Merchant System** — you can take advantage and be part of the mutibillion peso industry of selling and distributing cellular pins of **Globe, Smart, Talk 'N Text, PLDT Fonkards and more!**
(You may also choose from being a Convenience Payment Center, an Airline Booking Outlet or an Insurance Payment Center)

Our technology...
With a business backed by one of the most advanced and state-of-the-art technology from **VeriFone**, the world's leading name in **POS (Point Of Sale) Business Transaction System**, your business is guaranteed to deliver faster and efficient service, promoting customer loyalty and satisfaction.

Pablo Monter
80808

Our market base...
A business partnership with us means instant access to our growing global consumers base of over **40,000 members/subscribers and over 85 business centers nationwide.**

PLUS! MORE REASONS WHY YOU MUST JOIN US!

Minimal Capital Investment.
The busines is packaged at only **Php 250,000.00!** You can earn form as much as **P20,000 - P40,000 per month** with an estimated return of investment within 5-10 months.

Unlimited business opportunities.
By joining us, get a chance to benefit by being accredited as one of our Suppliers, plus an automatic membership from RECS' Global Consumers Group. You can also get access to our unlimited business opportunities and linkages from selling, providing and/or distributing of goods and services like groceries, personal computers, shoes and apparels, agri-products, to consultancy and other general services.

Unlimited Company Support.
At RISE, we treat our business associates and partners as members of one big family. We offer full support in almost all aspects of your business — management and training of personnel, operations and marketing assistance, even providing for your advertising and promotional requirements. We also extend support by imparting additional resources, such as payments and other value-added services. We will also provide you with an advanced security system to help prevent inventory loss, theft and fraud.

Interested? Make a SMART Move Now! CALL US!

RISE Group Franchising Corporation

ESCOLTA OFFICE
8th Floor, Noah's Ark Bldg., Escolta, Manila
Tel Nos. 244-3189 / 244-3195 / 244-3133 to 35
E-Mail: *pos@risegroup.net*

MARKETING OFFICE
Unit 1803, Jollibee Plaza Bldg.,
Emerald Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City.
Tel Nos. 687-5783 to 85

TRANSPORTATION FOR RENT

CARS FOR RENT

MARIAN CARS BRIDAL VANS CSTER 8957247/8969956

P800/L3 9136710/4333682

Revo w/ driver #9272821

STAREX L300 CARS 726-8388

Toyco Self Drive Carvan Coaster Rental •800-6595•

BNew Van 8254058 8261045

WANTED TO BUY

BUYING USED CARS 8990215

CAR LOAN

1.5 % EasyCarLoan 4000166 -67

1.5% FAST CAR LOAN 3677523/24

2% w/o Taking Car 8966633

2% w/o Taking Car 7228942/43

2% w/o taking car 7262780

2% w/oTaking Car 3732083

2% w/oTaking Car 7221021

2% w/oTaking Car 3646928

GENERAL ITEMS FOR SALE

FURNITURE

YAMAHA GRAND & UPRIGHT
ELITE PIANO CENTER
Almost New Models 7213124

PETS

Collie Pups • Tel.# 645-8344

DALMATIAN W/PAPERS SHOT 8905885

DOG TRAINER 4528681

PHIL. DOG SCHOOL
LICENSED BY THE GOVT.
TEL. 721-3736

GENERAL ITEMS FOR SALE

SPORTING GOODS

BILLIARDS P30/33/36/38T A1 Qlty B.New 8014494/8020566

GYM EQUIPMENT FOR SALE For Inquiries Alvin Sta Ana 643-7023

WANTED TO BUY

BUYING ROLEX
others, High Price CASH
09178142309/7269687/4123543

BUY/SELL FULLY PD EDUC PLAN 7800106 09177939632

Buy/Pawn Diamonds T834-2886

ANY ROLEX
Buy / Sell / Pawn / Repair
Tel# 804-0484 • 834-2886

WE BUY AT HIGH PRICE
ROLEX
5633742 5646593 09178473744

WE BUY GOLD
HIGHEST PRICE
CALL: 8380946 8390060

MISCELLANEOUS

B/SELL EDUC'L PLAN 8061574

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MALE

4 Aircon Tech / 6 Helper Tristar Ref. Call 4287736

FEMALE

3 FEMALE ACCTG BKPR 21-28 KOA & ASSOCIATES TEL 2620096 2553083

Accouting Grad.
w/Comp. Lit. Whse 3, 232 Quirino Hi-way, Baesa, Q.C.

NURSES/MWIFE
Grad/Undergrad/Underboard
WCT OFFICE 2600 Legarda, Sampaloc Mla Good Pay-4 hrs work

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MALE/FEMALE

*Ofc Staff 18-45y/o w/w/oexp Start asap 9134470 EDEN

*Ofc Staff 18-45y/o w/w/oexp Start asap 9134470 Zobel

9134470 OFFICE STAF CECIL

Direct Hire Office Adm Staff 9134470 Start ASAP Ms. Fe

ENG TCHR Call WTC 8290978 or 0919-8991040

English Japanese Chinese Teacher 9264650

FREE CARE GIVER SEMINAR 561-4990 563-8009

LAW FIRM NEEDS
3 PARA LEGALS
Tel. 5264328, 5236046

OFC STAF 7136116 L4 EDS

Ofc Staff 09176163680 ECHO

OFC STAFF 9134470 Ms Coco

OFC STF DIMPLES 7492993

Tindera M/F • 687-4298

URGENT! Ofc Staff 18-35y/o w/w/o exp 9134470 Mylene

PUBLIC NOTICES

ANNOUNCEMENT

Free Meditation Classes (02) 869-7313 (0919-2081737

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Adultwear consign 3738821

Bazaar/Mall/Exhibit Spaces 633-9662 / 638-0608

Globe 265.5 / Smart 265 7459361

GREAT NEWS ! IF UR NOT EARNING OVER 200T/m @ UR PRSNT NETWRK BUS. LETS TALK NOW 8072359 RESH

I MAKE P500,000.00/mo
Needs People To Train
• Tel # 525-0234 •

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

TANIA G. BASAGRE

Ms. TANIA G. BASAGRE, whose photograph appears above, has been charged with having committed the crime of Estafa (41 counts) in Criminal Case No. 309652 to 93 before Branch 67 of the Metropolitan Trial Court of Makati City, and warrants for her arrest have been issued by the Court. Information as to her whereabouts shall be highly appreciated. Please relay any information at Tel. No. 927-6228.

(PDI--July 1, 2002)

PUBLIC NOTICES

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

I NEED MEDICINES HOSP SUPPLIES & EQUIPT ANY QNTY TXT/CALL09185173506

Need Buyers Of CHIC by products Call BONG at 740-3262 or 0917-8912713

Wanted Wholesaler of Refill Printer Ink Call us (CDC) 0425854240 / 09165329889

NOTICE OF LOSS

Notice is given that Philippine National Bank Certificate No. 465911 under the name of Maria A. Tablizo was lost. If no contest new certificate will be issued.
(PDI-July 1, 8 & 15, 2002)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is given that the estate of the late Eduardo M. Virgino was extrajudicially settled with waiver of rights by his heirs consisting of MERALCO 3885 A Shares & 2585 B Shares Per Doc 87, Page 19, Book III, Series of 2002 Before Notary Public Maria Sarah R. Villanueva of Pasig City.
(June 24, July 1, & 8 2002)

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late ROSENDO A. GONZAGA has been extrajudicially settled by their heris per Doc#487, Page#98, Book#1, Series of 2002 of the Notarial Register of Atty Edmundo Dantes M. Samson of Makati City
(PDI-June 24, July 1 & 8, 2002)

PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is given that the estate of the late Eduardo M. Virgino was extrajudicially settled with waiver of rights by his heirs consisting of "MESALA" Accout - Capital Contribution & Savings Deposit in the total amount of Php 174,428.23 more or less per Doc. 112, Page 24, Book III, Series of 2002 before Notary Public Rommel L. Yap of Pasig City (PDI-June 17, 24, July 1, 2002)

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of **JOSE O. INGLES** who died on Oct. 30, 1993 in QC have executed a deed of extrajudicial settlement with waiver of rights before Notary Public Rodolfo Lopez on June 25, 2002 and entered in his Notarial Register on Doc 1007, Page 102, Book No. 10, Series 2002 of June 25, 2002.
(PDI -July 1, 8 and 15, 2002)

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **BENJAMIN A. DE REVERA** has been extra judicially settled among his heirs on June 18, 2002 as per Doc No. 84, Page No. 17, Book No. I, Series of 2002 before Atty. Jose V. Mejia, Notary Public for Makati City.
(PDI-July 1, 8 & 15, 2002)

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of ATTY. MARCIAL P. LAGUNZAD, JR was extrajudicially settled among his heirs per Notary Public Atty. Godofredo T. Liban II of Q.C. under Doc No. 262 ; Page No. 53 ; Book No. II Series of 2002.
(PDI-June 24, July 1 &8,2002)

PUBLIC NOTICES

PERSONAL

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interest and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers. Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls - Pray for me.
This prayer was found in the fiftieth year of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In 1505 it was sent from the Pope to Emperor Charles when he was going into battle. Whoever shall read this prayer or hear it or keep it about themselves, shall never die a sudden death, or be drowned, nor shall poison take effect on them; neither shall they fall into the hands of the enemy, or shall be burned in any fire or shall be overpowered in battle.
Say for nine mornings for anything you may desire. It has never been known to fail so be sure you really want what you ask.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit thou who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You, no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to [illegible] Your Perpetual Glory. Amen

---

Republika ng Pilipinas
Pambansang Korporasyon Sa Elektrisidad
(NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION)

INVITATION TO BID FOR THE SALE OF UNSERVICEABLE ITEMS "AS IS, WHERE IS"

DATE & TIME OF BIDDING : JULY 16, 2002 at 2:00 PM

The National Power Corporation, Genco-6 invites interested parties to bid on various unserviceable/scrap items listed below:

LOT#	Description of Unserviceable Item	Qty/Unit	Location	Minimum Bid
1	One (1) lot steel waste materials more or less 15 metric tons consist of: 1 pc. Steam separator and 18 joints casing pipes, size: 9-5/8" (PB1)	1 Lot	PGI-TIWI	P 46,500.00
2	One (1) lot waste materials and equipment of electrical/admin, chemical, instrumentation and control and mechanical section (PB1)	5 Crates	TGPP	18,168.00
3	One (1) lot unserviceable materials and equipment consisting of: 41 units assorted airconditioning units, 3 units waterheater, 1 unit weighing scale, 1000 kg. capacity, 1 unit air compressor, 1 unit pressure washer, 2 units welding machine, 5 units refrigerator, 1 unit binding machine, 2 units calculator, 1 unit laserjet printer, 3 units fax machine, 1 unit colored TV "Sony", 41 pcs. CPU, computer, 23 pcs. monitor, keyboard, printers assorted model and 41 pcs. UPS. (PB1)	1 Lot	TGPP	30,448.91
4	One (1) lot junked equipment composed of: One (1) unit Hino Truck, with boom, 1987, Plate # EAN-262 and One (1) unit Backhoe, Poclain, Model 1979. (PB2)	1 Lot	TGPP	205,000.00
5	One (1) lot used rockbits, assorted sizes, cutters and assorted tanks, etc. located at PGI junkyard and unserviceable GPE/CME materials and equipment located at MakBan warehouse. (PB1)	1 Lot	MBGPP/PGI	46,000.00

Bid in the prescribed form shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope and shall be received until 12:00 noon of **July 16, 2002** and be opened at exactly 2:00 PM. All bids must be submitted at NPC-Genco 6 Office, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna with the following:

1) Bidder's Bond in the form of Cash, Manager's Check equivalent to 5% of the total bid price.
2) Latest Income Tax Return and/or Financial Statement of the Company.

Additional information such as Request for Inspection and bid form may be obtained from GENCO 6 PTWS Office at Telephone No. 520-8229. Payment of prescribed form and other particulars is P50.00 per set which is not refundable.

The Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waives formalities found therein and accept offers most advantageous to NPC.

R. J. MEDINA
Manager, Administration & Chairman
RAMSUC-G6

(PDI -- July 1, 2002)

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING DIVISION
Main Office: PASONG TAMO, MAKATI CITY
☎ 8972535 (Direct) ☎ 8978808 (Trunk) Fax 8974808
G F ATRIUM BLDG., MAKATI AVENUE, MAKATI CITY
☎ 8114361 ☎ 8114370 ☎ 8114012 Fax 8925578
ST. ANTHONY'S BLDG., AURORA BLVD., QUEZON CITY
☎ 912-9008-11 Fax 912-9011
SM MEGAMALL, MANDALUYONG CITY
☎ 6350219 ☎ 6872354 ☎ 6872366 Fax 6350220
G/F TRINITY BLDG., 636 T.M. KALAW ST., ERMITA, MANILA
☎ 5273342 ☎ 5280183 ☎ 5276357 Fax 5280213
ALABANG, MUNTINLUPA CITY
☎ 8424503 ☎ 8506465 Fax 8506465
e-mail address: main_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

OBITUARIES

YORK (U.S.A.) CASKETS
... because they deserve only the best.
*For more information, please call your funeral director

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His godly ones."
Psalm 116:15

JESUS K. TYPOCO, SR.

Peacefully joined his Creator on June 29, 2002
at the age of 76.

His bereaved wife **BEING**;
children, Governor **ATOY & THELMY CHUNG**,
and **LINDA & PETER CHAI**;
grandchildren, **JAY & SHEILA BELDEROL, TREVOR, JANAH, JANISE, NICOLE , NATALIE** and **PERKIN**;
great-grandchildren, **JUSTICE** and **JUDGE**;
and other relatives and friends mourn his passing away
but celebrate his eternal rest with the Lord Jesus.

His remains lie in state at Arlington Memorial Chapels,
Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

There will be an 8:00 p.m. memorial service
on July 3, 2002 at the same place.

Interment will be on July 4, 2002
at Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque,
after the 8:30 a.m. funeral service
at Arlington Memorial Chapels.

MAXIMO 'BENNY' A. VASQUEZ

Died in the Grace of our Lord
on June 29, 2002 at the age of 64.

His bereaved wife, **Vicenta**; and children **Raul & Racky**; **Connie**; **Gina & Edgar**; **Gilda**; **Samson** and **Guilma**; grandchildren, **Benger**, **Justine**, **Rap-rap**, **Genn**, **Sheng**, **Camille**, **Carlos**; relatives and friends request prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at the Vasquez's residence at Tandang Sora, Quezon City and will later be brought to Bangued, Abra on Wednesday, July 3, 2002.

Interment will be on Wednesday, July 10, 2002 at Bangued, Abra.

I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
John 14:6

We accept Classified advertisements
Lines, Recruitment, Obituaries, Bidding

in **Luzon**

Bakit lalayo ka pa? Sa INQUIRER, *convenient na sulit pa!*

[illegible]

NATIONAL CLASSIFIEDS

The PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER enjoys the biggest circulation and readership among all the major broadsheets in the country. It has a dominant market share of over 55% according to the 2000 Asia Research Organization (ARO) Tri-Media Study

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life and I shall live
in the house of the Lord forever."
Psalm 23:6

PILAR (PILY) GARCIA VDA DE VELANDRIA

Now peacefully rest in the infinite Grace and
Goodness of the Lord on the 30th of June 2002
at the age of 77.

Her loving children **Chito & Emma, Sonny & Ching, Bobby, Lulu & Dodie, Fr. Eric, SJ**; brothers & sister **Rene, Monching, Jimmy, Edith**; grandchildren **Nikki, Joy, Derrick, Gello, Kay, Bam.**

Her body lies in state at Holy Family Chapel, Provident Vill., Marikina City.

Interment will be on Sunday, July 7, 2002 at
Loyola Memorial Park after the 9:00 A.M. mass.

"From darkness let the light shine!"
Genesis 1:3

SERGIO L. GUADIZ

Son of the late **Mayor Teofilo P. Guadiz, Sr. & Ma. Corazon Legaspi**
of Dagupan City.

Died in the Grace of the Lord on June 30, 2002.

His loving wife **LENY BAHIA**; children **EDGIE & BETH VITA, MICHELLE & RENE BORBE, MELISSA & OGIE DELA ROSA**; grandson **REN-REN**; brothers **LORY & CARLITO**; sisters **FE, ELY & NORA**; in-laws **REVY ESTRADA, BENJIE VERGARA & TERESITA ARENAS**, nephews & nieces request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Mt. Carmel Shrine, New Manila, Quezon City.

Interment date to be announced later.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
Matthew 10:39

An obituary with a picture can be a fitting tribute to your departed loved one. Always caring... **INQUIRER OBITUARIES**

WE ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS and bank-to-bank payments

CLASSIFIEDS

Republic of the Philippines
NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION
Quezon City

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY
GENERAL MANAGER
FOR
Camarines Norte Electric Cooperative, Inc.
(CANORECO)
Daet, Camarines Norte

Qualifications

Applicant may be male or female, must be at least 30 but not more than 55 years old, college graduate (in Business Management, Accounting/Finance, Engineering or Behavioral Sciences) preferably with Master's degree in Business Management Administration or Industrial Management, and must have at least five (5) years supervisory experience.

STARTING SALARY P20,000.00

Application forms and additional information may be obtained at the Cooperative Operations Department, 3rd Floor, NEA Building, NIA Road, Government Center, Diliman, Quezon City, or at the Regional Electrification Office V, Naga City. Deadline for submission of application forms is on **16 July 2002.**

(Sgd.) **FRANCISCO G. SILVA**
Administrator

(PDI - June 30 & July 1 2002)

Republic of the Philippines
NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION
Quezon City

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY
GENERAL MANAGER
FOR
Pangasinan III Electric Cooperative, Inc.
(PANELCO III)
Urdaneta City, Pangasinan

Qualifications

Applicant may be male or female, must be at least 30 but not more than 55 years old, college graduate (in Business Management, Accounting/Finance, Engineering or Behavioral Sciences) preferably with Master's degree in Business Management, Public Administration or Industrial Management, and must have at least five (5) years supervisory experience.

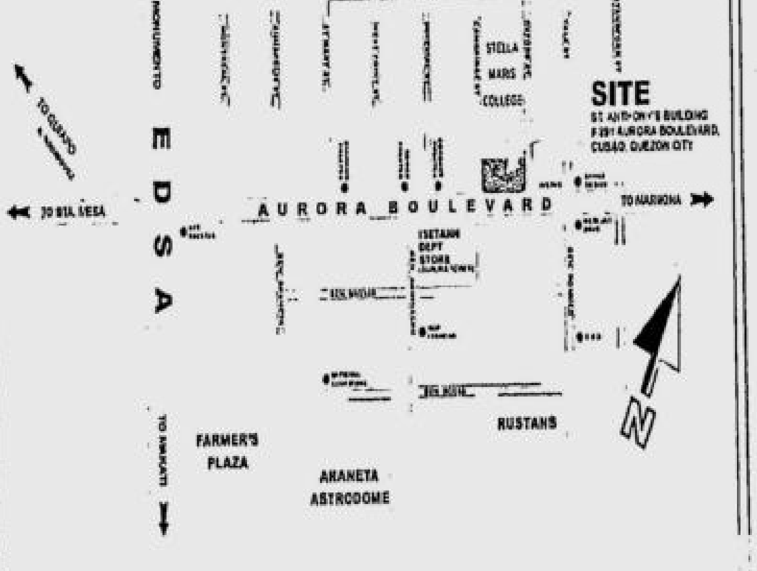
STARTING SALARY P20,000.00

Application forms and additional information may be obtained at the Cooperative Operations Department, 3rd Floor, NEA Building, NIA Road, Government Center, Diliman, Quezon City, or at the Regional Electrification Office I, ITC Agoo, La Union. Deadline for submission of application forms is on **19 July 2002.**

(Sgd.) **FRANCISCO G. SILVA**
Administrator

(PDI - June 30 & July 1 2002)

INQUIRER CLASSIFIEDS
Aurora branch is now open to serve your
Classified Ads requirements.
For inquiries, please call **912-9008** to **11**.



INFOTECH

Editor **Leo Magno**

Expat heads of IBM, Microsoft leaving RP

By Erwin Lemuel G. Oliva
INQ7.net

THE EXPATRIATE heads of the local subsidiaries of IBM and Microsoft are leaving the country for new posts which are still within their respective companies.

IBM Philippines general manager Jack Hamill is leaving the local subsidiary and will be replaced by Filipino Joaquin Quintos IV starting today. Hamill was reportedly rejoining IBM's finance group.

Quintos returns to IBM Philippines after a six-year international management stint in the United States and the South and Southeast-Asian regions.

Meanwhile, after more than two years with Microsoft Philippines, managing director Richard Francis is leaving the local subsidiary for a job with Microsoft in the United States.

In an interview with local reporters, Francis said he is taking a "bigger responsibility" in one of Microsoft's operations in northern area in the United States. He also said that he would handle one marketing division of Microsoft.

"Two years ago, when I accepted this job, I actually had a plan of what I want to do next in Microsoft. And I made that known to a lot of people in Microsoft especially with my managers. And that opportunity—the one that I wanted to do—came in a little bit earlier than what I expected. I wanted to do that sometime later next year. But I've decided to go for it now," said Francis.

The job was offered to him three weeks ago. Francis hinted that his new job involves running an operation four times bigger than Microsoft Philippines.

"Actually my wife was more inclined with the idea of us going to the US," Francis quipped, noting that another opportunity to work for Microsoft in the United Kingdom was also offered to him.

Since last week, Francis said that the local subsidiary has been busy finding his successor.

He said that he or she would likely come from Microsoft's regional office or from among the current Microsoft Philippines executives, belying rumors that an executive from German business software firm SAP AG is set to take over Microsoft Philippines.

Meanwhile, Antonio Javier of SAP has confirmed that he is leaving the company on July 16 and will move to Microsoft Philippines.

"That executive (Javier) will head the enterprise division of the company," Francis said.

Francis noted that at least two candidates for the managing director post had already been short-listed.

"It is important that we get somebody from Microsoft," added Francis.

"He is actually getting a promotion. He is not resigning but is being relocated," Mae Rivera, Microsoft Philippines marketing and communications manager, remarked at a Microsoft event on Thursday.

Francis, the fourth head of Microsoft Philippines since its establishment in August 1995, is set to announce the new managing director this week.

By August, Francis will assume his new post.

In the last two years, Francis said that he brought in new people to the local subsidiary. From 29 people, the subsidiary's headcount increased to 47.

Francis also said that Microsoft Philippines' business has grown 20 to 25 percent annually while he was managing director.

"So that's been a pretty significant growth in the past two years even though the market has been deflated," he added.

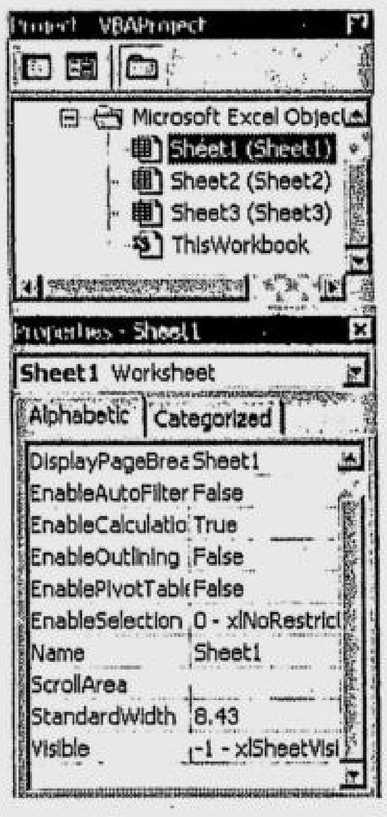
Eastern Telecoms appoints new CEO

THE BOARD of directors of Eastern Telecoms has appointed Nenita Lim Cruz as the company's new president and CEO.

Cruz served as deputy president and CEO when she joined the company in June 2001.

According to the board of directors, Cruz has been instrumental in steering Eastern Telecoms to major changes last year.

Eastern Telecoms is a provider of telecommunications and Internet services with a track record of more than 120 years. Currently, it is moving on to further advance its local telephony, Internet services and international gateway facility. Its roster of clients includes SMEs, top corporations and multinationals in the country.



Microsoft Excel Objects
Sheet1 (Sheet1)
Sheet2 (Sheet2)
Sheet3 (Sheet3)
ThisWorkbook

Sheet1 Worksheet

DisplayPageBrea Sheet1
EnableAutoFilter False
EnableCalculatio True
EnableOutlining False
EnablePivotTabl False
EnableSelection 0 - xlNoRestricl
Name Sheet1
ScrollArea
StandardWidth 8.43
Visible -1 - xlSheetVisi

Hiding Excel worksheets

POWERTIPS

By Jerry Liao

TO HIDE one or more Microsoft Excel worksheets, simply follow these steps:

1) Open MS Excel
2) Launch the Visual Basic Editor by pressing Alt-F11.
3) Your worksheet names will be displayed under the Project Window.
4) Select the worksheet you want to hide.
5) Press F4 to shift to the Property box section.
6) Set the sheet's Visible property to xlSheetVeryHidden.
7) To unhide the sheet, repeat steps 1-6, but set the Visible property to xlSheetVisible.

Ericsson T68i

THE BOTTOM LINE

By Jerry Liao

LET'S look at the Sony Ericsson T68i.

Strengths

1) Multimedia Message Service (MMS) that enables you to send color pictures and animations.
2) 256-color display, Triband phone, GPRS, WAP, Bluetooth, e-mail, chat, sound recorder, multi-function joystick and calendar.
3) Built-in 57 pictures, 18 tones, auto-change profile, "Find" function, themes, 510 address book entries, icon desktop.
4) Synchronize online calendar and contacts over the air.
5) Wireless Transport Layer Security class 3 for security in mobile commerce transactions.

Weaknesses

1) No support for first name and last name format.
2) Unstable reception common to internal antenna phones.

The Bottom Line

A nice improvement over the T68. Compact, stylish, innovative and a powerful phone. Sony Ericsson T68i signals the start of new generation phones.

For more reviews on the latest gadgets and gizmos, visit www.infochat.com.ph.

Xbox console hacked; pirated games now in RP

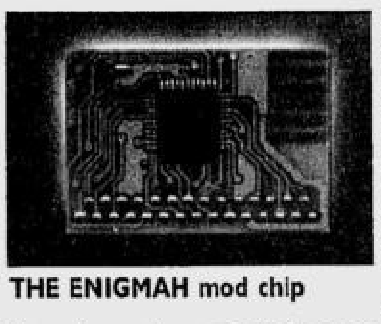
By Leo Magno

PIRATED games and modification chips for Microsoft's Xbox gaming console have reached Philippines shores, and at least two stores in Metro Manila are now selling premodified Xboxes and offering modification services to those who already have Xboxes.

It was just a matter of time before illegal copies of Xbox games and the mod chips needed to run them reached the Philippines, and to date at least 28 pirated Xbox games are in the country and at least seven modified Xboxes are now operational in Manila.

The first known batch of Enigmah mod chips arrived in Manila from Hong Kong on June 21. As of press time, one Xbox has been converted by a store in the Quiapo area and another in the Mandaluyong area. Five premodified units were also flown in from Hong Kong, and these have all been bought since June 21.

Like mod chips used for other game consoles such as Sony's PS2, the Xbox chips disable security features built into the console. With a mod chip soldered into the Xbox motherboard, owners can play bootleg copies of games burned onto CD or DVD discs, or games designed for other regions that normally would be blocked by the regional encoding system.


THE ENIGMAH mod chip

The first Xbox mod chip to be announced was the Xtender (May 24) followed by the Enigmah (June 15). Another group is currently working on the Messiah X, from the makers of the original Messiah for the PS2. The first batch of modified Xboxes had the Xtender chips in them, but users encountered problems with their units so the Enigmah is now being used. The Enigmah chip, measuring less than two inches long and wide, has to be soldered to 29 points on the Xbox motherboard. The Messiah X will reportedly have only 13 soldering points. After the mod chips are installed, the Xbox, whether US or Japan version, can now play all Xbox games from all regions, including the ability to play bootleg Xbox games.

In the name of science and in the interest of advancing his technical knowledge on the intricacies of game console electronics, this writer subjected his own US Xbox to the modification procedure on June 26. This was two days after the very first known Xbox modification procedure took place in Quiapo on June 24. However, since the writer's goal was merely to confirm that the mod chips and the pirated games actually work, he has vowed to have the mod chip removed (yeah, right) after going through a few bootleg games and making sure that his Xbox was still in proper working condition.

And what do you know? It actually worked. But at first it didn't. After soldering 29 points of the chip unto the Xbox, we tried it out and the unit just hung on us. It froze everytime you boot it up. That was when the electronics expert performing the procedure (let's just call him Master Chief) was informed by his boss that a jumper setting had to be obtained for older US Xbox versions. When the jumper setting was obtained from the Master Chief's Hong Kong suppliers, my Xbox went under the knife anew.

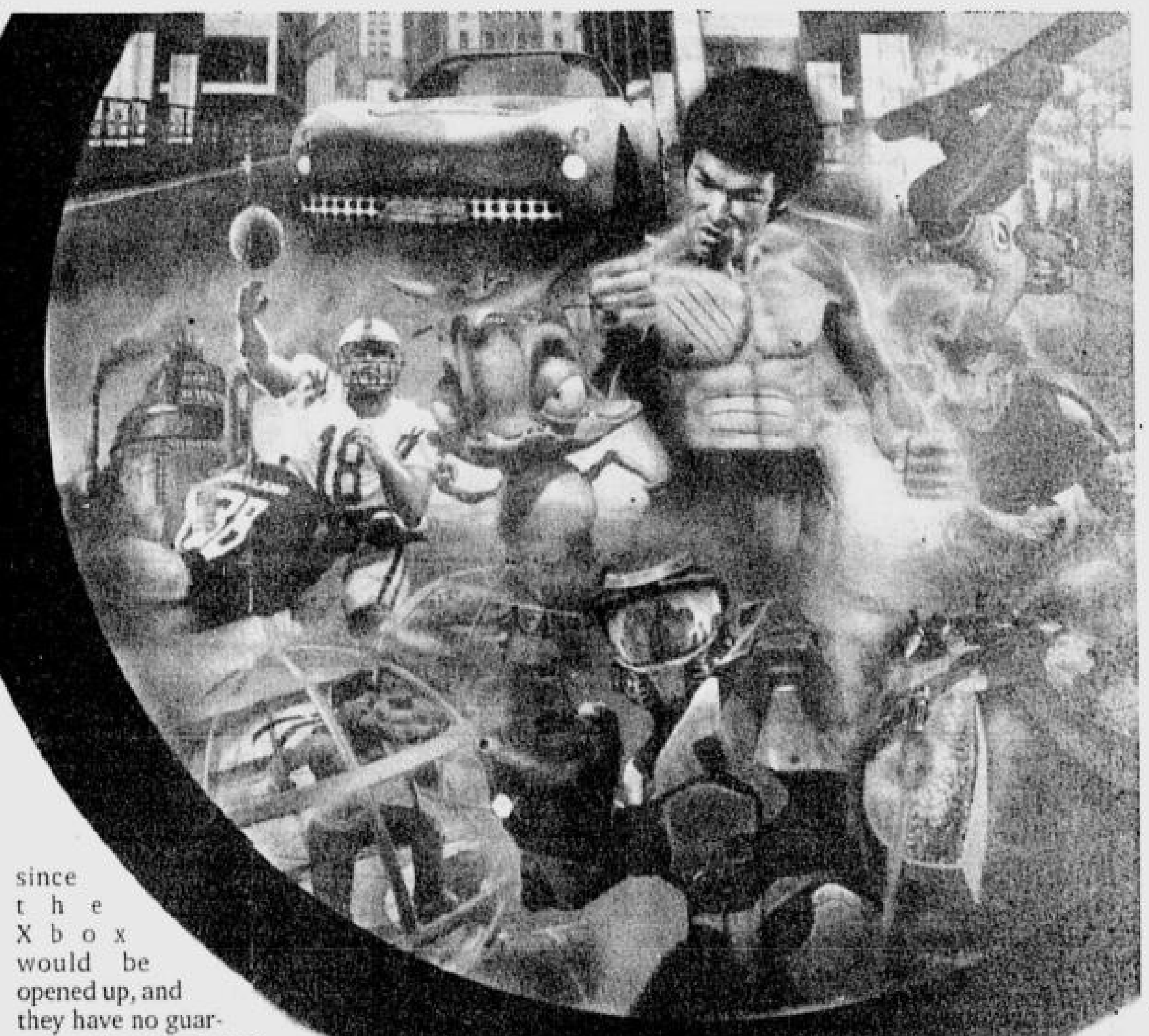
After the two-hour operation, we booted it up. We tried it out on original US and Japanese games, bootleg games, original DVD movies and bootleg DVD movies. Everything was direct-loading; no need for those loaders you use on your PS2.

The darn thing actually worked.

This opened the door for pirates to pounce on Microsoft in areas such as Greenhills, where modified PS2 games sell for P200. Today, the bootleg Xbox games cost anywhere from P500 to P800, but this should go down in a few months.

The country's main supplier of pirated games, mod chips and premodified consoles is China, coursed through Hong Kong. Specialty retail shops in Hong Kong like Lik Sang International Ltd. and Console Source offer the Xtender mod chip between $80 and $85, and the Enigmah at $70. These shops also offer Japanese Xboxes with the mod chips preinstalled, at a price of $339.

In the Philippines, one store bought five such premodified units from Hong Kong, and sold them in the Philippines for P19,000. Either that or users can buy their own Xboxes from abroad and have them modified here for anywhere between P5,000 and P6,000. However, this would void their warranty since the Xbox would be opened up, and they have no guarantee that their unit would be replaced if something terribly wrong happens with the circuitry. They also have to make sure they watch closely when the mod chips are being installed.



Installation of the Enigmah chip requires that the 29 wires be precisely soldered to the chip and specific spots on the Xbox's main circuit board. Some say this is a daunting task and that not many users would want to have their Xboxes subjected to the procedure. The Master Chief himself admitted that the procedure was nerve-wracking since it was the first time he was performing it on an Xbox, and it was only the second such procedure in the Philippines that they were aware of. This delicate and painstaking task, some say, makes modification less of a problem for Microsoft.

The problem is, in the Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, China and other areas in Asia, such modifications have actually become underground businesses for retail and electronic shops. And when the modified consoles increase, so will the bootleg games. Considering that Microsoft is selling the Xbox hardware itself at a loss (from $300 down to $199), and that Microsoft plans to cash in on the expensive games (at $50 each), this revenue model becomes useless now that pirated games are available.

Worse, once people start burning Xbox games into their own DVDs and play them on their PCs, this would undercut the market for the Xbox console itself. This would leave Microsoft with no revenue from both the hardware and the software side.

The hacking of the Xbox and the piracy of its games actually happened faster than anyone expected. Sources previously said they would have mod chips and pirated games ready by December. It's only June and the ball has already started rolling. This goes to show how fast technology becomes unlocked and cracked, and makes Microsoft's statement on the Xbox hacking incident rather laughable:

"Microsoft maintains an evolving high-end security system to protect its intellectual property and we see this incident as posing no threat to our customers or to our partners."

Microsoft representatives in other countries have said the company is investigating legal options to stop the distribution of Xbox mod chips, but the company is fighting a tide of curious Asians who have successfully made an underground business out of piracy. The Master Chief alone has about two dozen mod chips in his drawer, all waiting for Xbox owners willing to subject their units under the knife.

Curiously, the Greenhills area—known for years as the bootleg mecca of Manila—was late in offering pirated Xbox services. The stores with the premodified Xboxes in the Mandaluyong and Quiapo areas are not yet announcing their services openly, but it's just a matter of time before you see other such stores becoming bolder and declaring their piracy openly.

Until Microsoft Philippines officially markets the Xbox in the country, the gray market will continue to supply the local consumer need for the Xbox, and it is through this market that the modified and pirated Xbox games will continue to proliferate. It would also be interesting to see if Microsoft would actively pursue these stores like they do for their software products in cooperation with the National Bureau of Investigation and the Business Software Alliance.

Meanwhile, this writer will continue his academic experiment on his newly modified Xbox, searching and waiting for bugs caused by the mod chip, all in the interest of journalistic exploration. After that, as promised, he will remove the mod chip from his unit later. Much later. Much, much later.

ATM service being developed for rural banks

THE LOCAL software development industry is gaining fast acceptance from the banking industry and is expected to service more of its requirements in the years to come.

An example is banking software company Infoserve Inc. which is developing a cost-effective, high-technology banking software that enables thrift and rural banks to offer automated teller machine (ATM) service, a move that is expected to significantly boost rural development in the country.

The ATM connect package developed by Infoserve consists of an ATM card and management software bundled with an ATM machine. Using the latest technologies from Microsoft, ATM Connect works with all existing rural bank deposit software, be it in-house developed or packages such as Infobanker, Microbanker and SavePlus.

Infoserve bundles brand new ATMs from NCR, Diebold, IBM, Siemens-Nixdorf and Fujitsu for first-time users while refurbished ATMs are also available.

The company has forged business alliances with Automated Systems and Equipment Corp. and Micro Banker Phils.

A growing number of rural banks are vying to be the first in their respective areas to offer ATM services.

But the first rural bank to offer ATM service in the Philippines is the Rural Bank of Silang in Cavite which utilized ATM Connect.

In Mindanao, the Community Rural Bank of Dapitan City has the distinction of being the first to offer ATM service in the South. A dozen or so rural banks are expected to install ATM Connect in the next few months and will be announcing their respective pilot projects.

Infoserve has warned the public against pirated copies of the software, developed allegedly by former employees who have been severed from the company and are suspected to have stolen programs of Infoserve.

RP lacks quality IT graduates, gov't told

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE NATIONAL Institute for Information Technology, one of the world's leading software developers, said the government should prod the country's information technology schools into churning out more programmers and software developers, not just "warm bodies" who were ending up filling seats in call center facilities.

In an interview, NIIT Philippines chief and Mind Stream Inc. managing director Bartolome Silayan said there was a need to refocus Philippine IT education on software development to ensure that students would have a wider choice of jobs after getting their diplomas.

Mind Stream, a partnership of ePLDT and Project Quest, is NIIT's Philippine licensee.

Silayan agreed with assessments that thousands of IT students were ending up jobless because of their inadequate training rather than the absence of job opportunities here and abroad.

"There is nothing wrong with call centers, but I think IT schools are meant to produce graduates who create programs rather than just sit on the other end of a phone line or encode data," he said.

Silayan said demand for programmers remained high despite a slump in software sales worldwide.

Software developers and computer equipment manufacturers have been hit by a weakening US economy, as well as a supply glut in most of their markets worldwide.

The slump, aggravated by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States, has caused dotcom flameouts, as Internet companies that have been riding on a stock market boom are suddenly finding their financial taps running dry.

Silayan expressed optimism that companies and individual consumers would continue to spend heavily on software and hardware.

US businesses are still spending more on software than they do on aircraft, trucks and other vehicles, he disclosed.

Silayan said NIIT's own software business was experiencing a growth of over 100 percent, particularly in Europe.

Demand for software will be driven by a continuing rise in popularity of the Internet and Web services, as well as new applications for third-generation mobile phones, he said.

Silayan said the bulk of human resources demand in the IT industry would still be for programmers sitting on the high end of the value chain in the industry.

"If we compare the industry to the military, programmers are the soldiers who provide the code for the software. They will be the ones who will move to higher positions in the organization," Silayan said.

He said Philippine IT schools should provide their students with a firm foundation heavy on the latest programs, such as C++, Java, XML, Scripting and SQL, and skills to create and maintain Web services applications.

Silayan said IT schools in the Philippines should also keep up with the fast pace of technology in the industry, otherwise their students would be bypassed by corporations looking for programmers.

"Do you remember Wordstar? Novell? Wordperfect? These were some of the more powerful names in the software industry not too long ago. Who would think they would lose their luster so soon?" he said.

New bill filed to check CD piracy

THE HOUSE of Representatives is currently studying a bill that seeks to clamp down on software piracy, which has cost the entertainment industry some P8 billion in losses.

Records of the House committee on trade and industry show that the proposed law, dubbed as the "Optical Media Bill," specifically addresses one of the root causes of the piracy problem: the manufacturers of fake compact discs.

If approved, the bill will dissolve the Videogram Regulatory Board and create in its place the "Optical Media Board," which will be placed under the Office of the President.

The proposed law requires companies or individuals engaged in the reproduction of CDs and other "optic media" to secure licenses. It also institutionalizes a "source identification code system."

It penalizes violators with imprisonment and fines.

The Optic Media Bill is a consolidation of bills filed by Representatives Imee Marcos, Abraham Mitra, Harry Angping and Augusto Syjuco.
Abigail L. Ho

Water firms told to trim rates hike

THE METROPOLITAN Waterworks and Sewerage System has asked its concessionaires to trim the rates hike that they are seeking, saying the figures it has received are "too high."

In a statement, MWSS Administrator Orlando Hondrade said preliminary studies showed that water rates in the capital region would rise by about 300 percent should the MWSS allow Maynilad Water Services Inc. and Manila Water Co. Inc. to adjust their rates in January next year.

Maynilad is seeking a P19.36-per-cubic-meter increase in its rates, while Manila Water is asking for an P11.63-per-cubic-meter adjustment in its rates.

These rates increases "were too high," Hondrade said.

"There is, therefore, a need to undertake a further review with the objective of lowering the rebased or reevaluated rates proposed by Maynilad and Manila Water," he said. ***Christine A. Gaylican***

HEWLETT PACKARD
DeskJet 990Cxi
Professional Series

Print your way to an hp e-pc.

PRINT YOUR FANTASY RAFFLE PROMO

Join **HP's Print Your Fantasy raffle promo** and get a chance to win an HP e-pc in our 1st and 2nd Draws! Simply buy specially-marked original HP Inkjet print cartridges, fill out the attached raffle coupon, and drop in drop boxes nationwide*. So for amazing printing quality and a chance to turn your fantasy into reality, just stick to the original. Promo period is from July 1 to Sept. 30, 2002. See posters and flyers for more details.

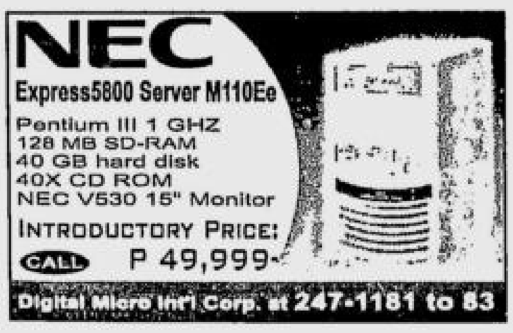
hp invent

www.hp.com

*Only at participating dealers nationwide

BusinessMonday

Business Features Editor **Margie Quimpo-Espino**



NEC
Express5800 Server M110Ee
Pentium III 1 GHZ
128 MB SD-RAM
40 GB hard disk
40X CD ROM
NEC V530 15" Monitor
INTRODUCTORY PRICE:
CALL P 49,999-
Digital Micro Int'l Corp. at 247-1181 to 83

WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT LUCIO TAN

Taipan works 18 hours a day, holds six meetings at a time

TAIPAN Lucio C. Tan has built a business empire with over 100 corporations, including the country's national flag carrier, the Philippine Airlines; the Philippine National Bank; and Asia Brewery Inc., the second largest beer and bottled water maker in the country.

But the road to success was not smooth at the start.

The book published in China by Xinhua Publishing House on the 68-year-old "El Kapitan," the nickname he was given by some of his people, showed that his business path was strewn with many obstacles that would have daunted other entrepreneurs.

In fact the first company he put up—a cornstarch factory—was a failure. He went into business in 1954 as a 20-year-old student while trying to earn a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering at the Far Eastern Univesity.

Though the enterprise failed, it challenged him to work harder.

His fortunes came in 1960 when he founded a glycerine factory, the first of its kind in the country. The book said that Tan discovered that glycerine, a lubricant used by local cigarette factories, was imported yet the raw materials for making glycerine—coconut oil and caustic soda were easily available locally. Tan then flew to the United States to look for used refinery furnaces.

After finding one, he shipped it to the Philippines and his company, Himmel Industries, became the country's leading supplier of glycerine.

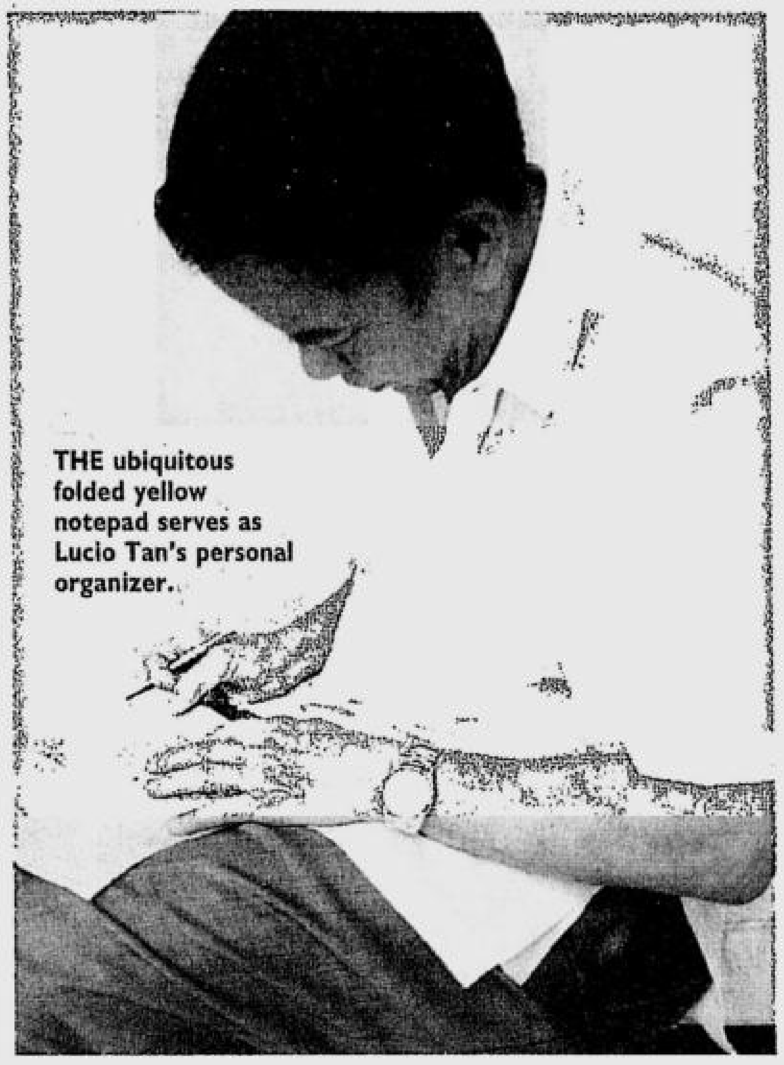
The book also states that Tan saw another opportunity in 1965 for a local tobacco manufacturing firm. Old and established firms dominated the market at that time but he saw a market for medium-grade cigarettes. He decided to invest in the production of cigarettes with "Ever Cool" as his first brand.

"In the 30 years since the founding of Fortune Tobacco, we encountered great difficulties raising funds and experimenting with our formulas," recalls Tan in 1996 during the company's 30th anniversary.

"Our products, which were not selling too well at first, now sell briskly, thus laying a solid foun-

TAIPAN/ C2

TAKING a break from his hectic schedule atop the Great Wall of China



THE ubiquitous folded yellow notepad serves as Lucio Tan's personal organizer.

A HOUSE committee moved Thursday to subpoena top officials of discredited WorldCom Inc., the latest scandal to hit corporate America.

Names have changed but big-time business scandals continue

NEW YORK—Two years ago, only those absolutely obsessed with big US conglomerates could identify Dennis Kozlowski, the former boss of Tyco International Ltd., in a lineup.

Now, a lineup may be exactly what Kozlowski fears most.

Wall Street is a pretty chilly place to be even on the nicest day. Currently, the mood is downright frigid.

But it isn't the first time this has happened.

Looking back, who knew in 1980 that by the end of the decade, Ivan Boesky, Michael Milken, and the Keating Five would end up being the poster boys for that period's highest profile business scandals.

Who ever heard of defense company Wedtech until President Ronald Reagan's Attorney General Edwin Meese was forced out of his job in early 1988 for being a little too chummy with the company?

Wasn't there a time when "The Keating Five" was commonly confused with the members of the fictional Keaton family on the hit television show, "Family Ties?"

Charles Keating, head of the Lincoln Savings & Loan, and family members and colleagues were deemed responsible for the largest S&L collapse in U.S. history, running into billions of dollars in losses suffered by mostly elderly investors.

Since the beginning of 2002, stock investors have been mauled almost daily, and a new rogues' gallery of corporate executives, Wall Street analysts, and even accountants has emerged and is rivaling the 1980s as "Worst Decade Ever"—at least for the public perception of business in America.

The list gets longer

The list got a little longer when WorldCom, the No. 2 US long distance company, said late Tuesday that $3.8 billion of expenses had been booked improperly and the company inflated its cash flow and profits.

"I think that this is far more serious that anything that Boesky ing," said John Allen, a New

NAMES/C2

INTERNET FOR SMALL BUSINESS
Call: 891 3412
free WEB DESIGN
www.webnetph.com
Domain Name Registration
Web Hosting
E-mail Account
Website Maintenance
Website promotion & Marketing
e-Business Consultancy

SENNHEISER FESTIVAL 2002
Huge Savings from June 1 to July 31, 2002!!!

BUY 10 GARY V. LIMITED EDITION & GET 4 FREE
For only ₱39,900.00 SAVE ₱15,960.00

BUY 2 e865 +2 Sennheiser mic stands
For only ₱33,980.00 SAVE ₱7,380.00

BUY 2 E835 +2 GARY V. LIMITED EDITION
For only ₱14,780.00 SAVE ₱7,980.00

BUY 1 e602 GET 1 EH1430 headphone
For only ₱12,290.00 SAVE ₱2,390.00

BUY 1 ew135 wireless +3 GARY V. LIMITED EDITION
For only ₱33,990.00 SAVE ₱11,970.00

BUY 4 e845 GET 1 EH2200 headphone & 4 GARY V. LIMITED EDITION
For only ₱37,960.00 SAVE ₱21,950.00

BUY 2 e835 +1 EH1430 headphone & 2 Sennheiser mic stands
For only ₱14,780.00 SAVE ₱9,770.00

BUY 3 e845 +3 Sennheiser mic stands & 1 EH2200 headphone
For only ₱28,470.00 SAVE ₱17,060.00

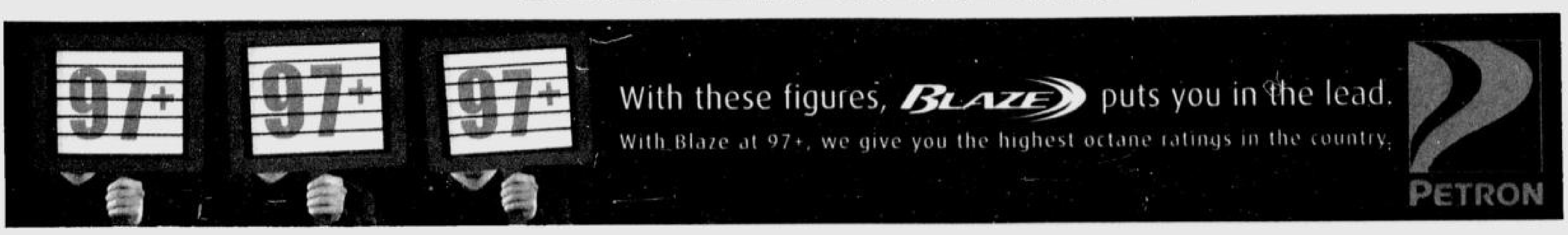
Trade-in your old mics (any brand, working or not) and get savings as much as
₱ 2,000.00!

Available at all Perfect Pitch, Yamaha Music Stores and select dealers nationwide.

YUPANGCO ELECTRONICS CORPORATION
339 Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City 1200 •
Tel. No. 899-9595 (connecting all departments)
Direct Lines:899-9757 to59; 899-9735• Fax Nos. 899-7777 & 899-8888
Toll-Free No. 1-800-1-888-7700 • E-mail: info@yupangco.com
www.yupangco.com

LIFESTYLES™ VISA
The world's most preferred card.
EASYCREDIT

Per DTI-NCR Permit Number 1085, Series of 2002



97+ 97+ 97+
With these figures, BLAZE puts you in the lead.
With Blaze at 97+, we give you the highest octane ratings in the country.
PETRON

Names have changed but big-time business scandals continue

From page C1

York-based securities fraud attorney. "This is like a 'Roaring 20s' type market when anything goes."

While several sources said almost everyone is wondering who's going to be the next Dennis Levine—the former investment banker at Drexel Burnham Lambert who was sentenced to two years in jail in 1987 after making about $13 million thanks to stolen insider information.

"Ivan Boesky and Michael Milken were quite different in that they were financial figures and not responsible for an entire corporation," said Jim Grant, editor of Grant's Interest Rate Observer. "One big difference now is that most of the notorious wrong-doers are people entrusted to be top executives at these big companies.

Lawyer Allen said the allegations floating around some of this current crop "makes Ivan Boesky and Levine look like a couple of kindergartners."

'A call for blood'

A review of just a few of the recent cases has left even the most hardened Wall Street gurus shaking their heads.

- Bernie Ebbers, former chair of WorldCom, is alleged to have received over $400 million in personal loans from WorldCom at the same time the company was improperly reporting its cash position.
- Enron's former Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow was being paid millions in bonuses while the company was failing to report its precarious financial situation.
- ImClone Systems Inc.'s former CEO Sam Waksal was taken from his home by FBI agents earlier this month and charged with conspiracy, securities fraud, and perjury. Waksal had apparently tried to unload about $5 million in company stock two days before the general public found out that US regulators declined to accept the marketing application of its hoped-for blockbuster drug Erbitux.
- Tyco's Kozlowski was indicted earlier this month for conspiring to avoid more than $1 million in sales tax on art work he purchased. On Wednesday, he was also charged with tampering with evidence.

"If you go over the line, as it appears like Kozlowski did, you're going to pay a very serious price," said Sydney Finkelstein, professor of strategy and leadership at Dartmouth College's Tuck School of Business. "Right now there's a call for blood and someone's going to have to pay."

It was widely held in the late 1980s that Boesky, the head of arbitrage firm Boesky & Co., who was sentenced to three years in jail and paid a $100 million fine for insider trading, and Milken—sentenced to 10 years, later reduced to two years, and a $650 million fine for securities fraud—had to go to jail in order to satisfy the public demand for retribution.

One further price for all this may be an increase of regulations to the market.

"Dennis Kozlowski is a messenger of socialism," Grant said. "He and his ilk are likely to galvanize demand for political action, much of which will be hasty and ill thought-out." *Reuters*

DENNY On Yat Wang (chair, YI Leisure Clark Inc.) 2nd from right gives Bienvenido Leopando, (chair, Great Asian Development Tech International Corp.), a warm handshake following their recent contract signing. Also shown in photo is Brian Chew (country manager Phils. Rotary UK) and J.M. Enrique Madamba (asst. CEO YI Leisure Clark Inc.)

e-Government in the Philippines: Challenges and opportunities

MAPping THE FUTURE

Renato C. Valencia

WHY is e-Government regarded by some quarters as the next Internet revolution? There are two plausible reasons. First, governments are the world's largest institutions—in resources, revenues, expenses, customer base, etc. Second, governments are beginning to reinvent themselves—from large, slow and moribund dinosaurs into small, nimble and entrepreneurial enablers they can be.

Anywhere in the world, e-Government is a success story waiting to happen.

What is e-Government? e-Government is "putting citizens online, not in-line." Through ICT, or information and communication technology, citizens can now avail themselves of government services online, without having to queue in government offices.

With e-Government, government services can be more efficient, transparent, and convenient. Simply stated, e-Government is the delivery of government services anytime (24 hours a day/seven days a week), anywhere (in the office, at home, or on the move). e-Government also puts businesses, other government agencies and NGOs/POs online.

As ICT gets "commoditized," social exclusion due to poverty, religion, politics, geography, medical or other reasons will be history. ICT, as envisioned, can very well be the world's greatest social equalizer. Most importantly, citizens can be more proactive in governing themselves—thanks to ease of communication and easier access to information. e-Government can be a citizen empowerment at its best.

A Mckinsey & Co. report describes e-Government as covering the following:

1. On the supply side, e-procurement. (*The slow, tedious and sometimes, graft-ridden purchases of goods and services by government can be transformed into efficient, speedy and transparent electronic procurement.* Italics mine.)
2. Processes (*Processes can be re-engineered for faster delivery of information and frontline services.* Italics mine.)
3. On the demand side, frontline services. (*Through ICT, frontline services, such as renewal of licenses, registration, etc. can be delivered on real time to citizens (G2C), businesses (G2B), other government agencies (G2G) and NGOs/POs (G2NGO/PO).* Italics mine.

Another Mckinsey & Co. report describes the e-Government structure as follows:

On the macro level—Vision, objectives, and service development and delivery (*I venture to add mission, strategies, and action plans.*)

As pillars—Technology, legal/policy and economics (*I would add infrastructure and human resource.*)

As foundation—Initiative design and execution and organization, culture and process change, and user adoption (*I would add a good communications plan.* Italics mine).

Where are we in e-Government? First, the good news.

A study of government websites worldwide by The World Markets Research Center and Brown University concluded that, "e-Government is falling short of its potential." Thus, it is not too late for the Philippines to go e-Government.

Moreover, the study shows that we are not far behind most of our neighboring Asean countries. Now, the bad news. In the same study, the Philippines is ranked 52nd vis-a-vis the United States (1st), Singapore (8th), and Malaysia (16th). Indeed, we still have a lot of catching up to do.

Mckinsey & Co. cites valuable lessons on e-Government efforts worldwide, some of which are:

e-Government vision must be clearly articulated by senior leadership. (*This implies top-level support, clearly stated mission, objectives, strategies and action plans, and an ICT champion to ensure implementation.* Italics mine)

A clear value proposition to e-Government users must drive e-Government design. (*Substantial cost savings or significant improvements in efficiency and productivity can be compelling value proposition.* Italics mine)

Changing internal government culture and processes is the main challenge to implementing.

e-Government efforts. e-Transactions must have equivalent legal status to paper transactions to facilitate adoption. (*An example would be the acceptance of digital signature or its equivalent for electronic transactions.* Italics mine)

Resistance to change is generally considered the biggest stumbling block to e-Government. Government processes are often tedious, cumbersome, paperbound, and regulations-centric.

A most telling example is an overseas Filipino worker (OFW) needing some 50 to 70 plus signatures to secure clearance to work abroad. Moreover, government employees are generally suspicious of computerization, fearing loss of job. This fear is real.

Unless new or substitute jobs are created, e-Government may actually lead to contraction of employee force. The challenge is how to change the mindset of government employees, even as we assure them of their jobs.

We do have a unified e-government plan called GISP, or Government Information Systems Plan. ITECC, or Information Technology and Electronic Commerce Council, with no less than President Macapagal-Arroyo as chair, is working hard to ensure a unified approach and implementation to e-Government.

Except for a few initiatives, however, e-Government implementation remains "*kanya-kanya*," or the "islands or silos approach."

For example, the National Computer Center (NCC), under DOST, is charged with e-Government; DTI, with e-commerce; and DOTC, with communications. Government has yet to be wired. In some instances, government agencies do not leverage on technology, resulting in automation of the same tedious processes.

The challenge is to have an ICT champion with enough clout to ensure a unified approach to, and implementation of e-Government, even as Congress legislates ICT convergence.

e-Government cannot happen without funding. A common dilemma of government is whether to allocate scarce financial resources to computerization or say, medicine, schoolhouses, infrastructure, etc. The challenge is to find creative means to tap various sources of funding for e-Government projects.

Government will always be lacking ICT skills for the simple reason that government pay is generally not competitive. The challenge is how to tap private sector ICT skills for government projects.

Opportunities

Fortunately, governments worldwide are beginning to reinvent themselves and a world of opportunities opens up for management and ICT practitioners.

Culture change, whether in government or private sector, does not happen overnight. It requires soul-searching evaluation, careful planning, determined leadership, a committed organization, and careful implementation and monitoring of the program.

For governments to transform, employees, from top to bottom, must undergo a culture change. Thus, governments present a huge market for change management experts.

In recent years, businesses have begun to focus more on customer relations. Sadly, most governments are years away from satisfying, delighting, or even astonishing their customers. In time, as governments realize the value of managing customer relations, companies specializing in customer relations management will find many government agencies needing their services.

For over a decade now, the more progressive and successful businesses have not only done extensive reengineering; some have even reinvented their way of doing business. The government must do a lot of process re-engineering if it wants real time delivery of services. Re-engineering consultants will be busy doing government projects in the years to come.

With limited resources and lack of ICT skills, government has no choice but to outsource most of its ICT projects to the private sector, which has the wherewithal to do the job. Businesses have blazed the trail on outsourcing.

The more successful businesses have learned to focus on core businesses and outsource non-core activities to third parties that can do them better. Outsourcing happens when (a) there is shortage in skills in a company; (b) outsourcing becomes a better-cost proposition; (c) it also becomes quality proposition; and (d) it offers a broader range of services and products.

Examples of outsourcing are e-business solutions, Internet services, R&D, custom application development, application outsourcing, ERP or enterprise resource planning, migration and re-engineering, and consulting.

On another front, ASPs (applications service providers) are beginning to invest in infrastructures to provide clients with ERP, or enterprise resource planning, and CRM or customer relations management on a per transaction basis.

In many ways, outsourcing and ASPs have effectively addressed such constraints as lack of funding or lack of technical skills. It is not too late for e-Government to happen in the Philippines. With the support of the national leadership, a good ICT champion, committed resources and our determination and focus, the Philippines can still make IT.

(The author is a member of the Management Association of the Philippines, and vice chair of Asia Pacific Network Holdings Inc. The MAP secretariat and the author may be reached at mapsec@globenet.com.ph.)

Taipan works 18 hours a day, holds six meetings at a time

From page C1

dation for our business. All the things that happened in this period are still fresh in my memory. This achievement is the result of the support and encouragement from my parents, relatives and friends and from the unity and hard work of my colleagues," Tan said.

He applied the same formula in the beer market which was dominated by San Miguel Corp. He put up Asia Brewery in 1982, believing that there was space for another player.

"The market looks like a bucket filled with rocks. It appears to be full, but actually there exists a lot of space between the rocks. The space could be filled with sand and then water could be poured into the sand," the book quoted Tan as saying.

Today his holdings extend to agribusiness, aviation, finance, securities, tobacco, beverages, food, distiller, chemicals and construction.

Tan applied himself to his work at a pace that others would consider inhuman. The book said that Tan works 17 to 18 hours a day, and the busier he is, the more vigorous he feels.

For example, he would fly from the United States at night to arrive in Manila early morning. He would then take a domestic flight to another part of the country for a meeting.

The book said he often presides over six or seven simultaneous meetings in his corporate headquarters, shuttling from one to another, giving instructions and discussing problems. He carries out his work in an orderly manner even when is under pressure.

"He often jokes that he wishes he could cut himself into six parts to handle the situation," the book said.

Tan also shows great perseverance in acquiring knowledge. The book said he never feels ashamed to learn from his subordinates. He believes that knowledge is obtained through learning, and that includes asking questions.

In 1969 for instance, he began to study Sun Zi's "The Art of War." He was already 35 years old and he got in touch with his old school Chiang Kai Shek High School and asked the history teacher some questions.

After 50 lectures spread over half a year, Tan came to understand what the author was thinking.

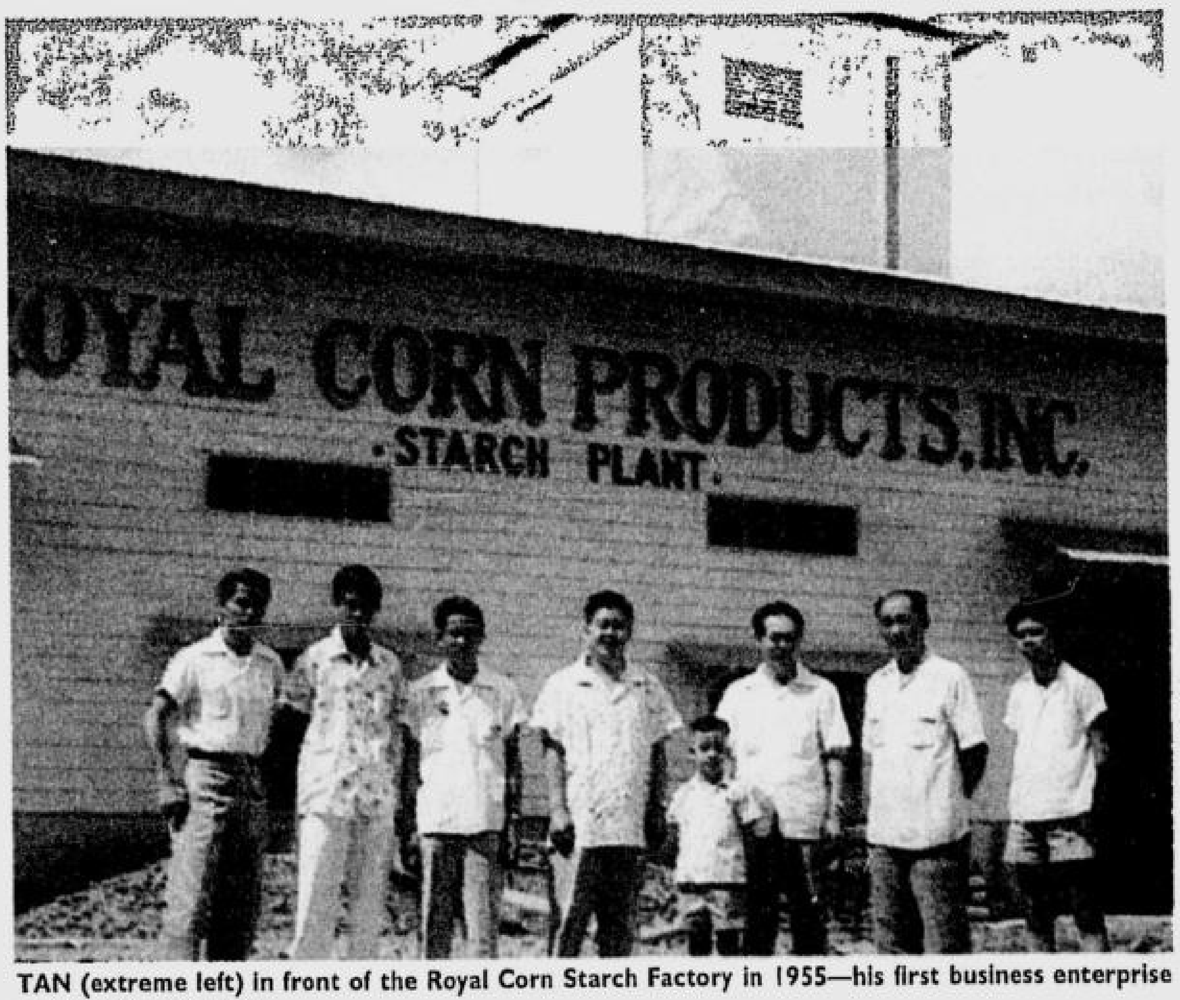
He displays the same tenacity whenever he sets up a new business. He studies everything related to it, even peripheral information.

"The tobacco and liquor businesses made him a connoisseur of cigarettes and liquor. For his natural water and beverages factory, he studied the geographical distribution of mineral water resources in country's volcanic areas," the book says.

"Knowledge acquired through diligence and perseverance has given Tan a broader vision and more imagination, filling him with more energy to forge ahead courageously. Perhaps this is where the secrets of his success lie," the book said. ***Tina Arceo-Dumlao***

ENJOYING the camel ride while crossing China's Takla Makan Desert.

CATCHING a nap in between interminable trips.



TAN (extreme left) in front of the Royal Corn Starch Factory in 1955—his first business enterprise that eventually failed.

Study finds US salary increases slow in 2002

NEW YORK—Employees across the United States are not getting as large a salary increase this year as they had expected, according to a study released on Monday, possibly hurting consumer confidence and spending.

The average salary increase for workers in a number of key industries will be less than 4 percent in 2002—the first time they have dropped below that level since the early 1990s, according to a survey by The Conference Board, a private research group in New York.

The Conference Board said the results reflect concerns over the economic downturn, heightened uncertainty following the Sept. 11 terror attacks, and the collapse of major US corporations such as former energy trading giant Enron Corp. and accounting company Andersen.

The industries seeing the biggest drop in pay increases are manufacturing, trade and utilities, according to the survey, which covered more than 500 major firms in six industries and is based on employee compensation budgets.

But the slowdown in salary increases is coming at a time of very low inflation, meaning that workers still receive solid income gains.

Charles Peck, a compensation specialist for The Conference Board, said the slowing salary gains could affect consumer confidence and spending at a time when many economists fear that Americans are starting to tuck away their wallets.

"(The decrease) means that consumers are going to be buying fewer products, which is going to have an effect on the revenue and profitability of companies, so it's not particularly encouraging," he said.

Peck also said that companies have taken other actions to cut down on employee compensation costs that do not show up in budgets for employee pay, such as laying off workers, delaying pay increases and putting a freeze on new hiring.

Manufacturing workers both eligible and ineligible for overtime pay saw the biggest drop in pay increases, receiving an average 3.5-percent pay hike—down from last year's estimates of a 4 percent pay increase.

Most companies included in the survey expect salary increases to tick back up to 4 percent in 2003 for all employee groups, including executives.

Peck said while the increase averages are lower for 2002, the gains still outpace the rate of inflation. According to the most recent Consumer Price Index, inflation on a year-over-year basis was up 1.2 percent in May.

"Four percent seems like a trivial amount, compared to some of the past salary increases. But at 4 percent in a time of one percent inflation, you're coming out nicely ahead," he said. *Reuters*

Professionalizing the PRC

ITS MANDATE is daunting yet supported by meager budgets. It has a heavy, daily client load yet its offices are undermanned. It generates nearly P400 million in revenues for the national coffers, sums it cannot yet touch, so it operates still on very antiquated equipment.

Yet the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) has one of the most encompassing and compelling of roles in Philippine national development, impacting on the lives of over 2 million Filipino professionals and millions more of our aspiring citizens who take professional licensure examinations.

Mandate

Its mandate is to promote and sustain a corps of world-class Filipino professionals contributing to nations' economies wherever they may work.

If the Supreme Court regulates the law profession, the PRC regulates 42 others, as represented by their respective organizations, and this is on top of overseeing 42 professional regulatory boards (PRBs) and their corresponding boards of examiners—the supposed repositories of scientific and technical knowledge that are expected to transform lives here and abroad.

'New' PRC

A "new" PRC loomed amid an expanded mandate contained in a law enacted in 2000, seeking to modernize the agency. But the legal provisions could not be fully implemented because of lack of budgetary support. That is the most biting of ironies that the agency has to live with.

Its budget this year amounts to P214 million, just a million over last year's, and P36 million less from the other year.

The law provides that the PRC be given an additional P45 million annually for five years for its modernization programs. The fund has yet to be released. Despite this drawback, the PRC generated P431 million in revenues last year, all fully transmitted to the National Treasury, funds it cannot still use.

'Professionalizing' itself

Yet the clientele and mandate of the agency have been enlarging. Its state of affairs may be far from ideal but that has emboldened the present leadership to keep making public its commitment to more than just modernizing itself.

The leadership, under Antonieta Fortuna-Ibe, is putting it in no uncertain terms: To assume technical and moral ascendancy over clients, the PRC must be fiercely committed to continue "professionalizing" itself.

It has dealt with the fact that organizational and systems inefficiencies have made its offices vulnerable to cheating syndicates and fixers, hurting the very integrity it is supposed to protect.

Since August last year, the PRC has been undergoing reforms, implementing an integrated approach at transforming the agency into an honest, efficient, vibrant, dynamic and technology-propelled one.

Customer-focused

It began going back to fundamentals—improving its frontline services nationwide. The first of PRC's six buzzwords? Customer-focused service. It demands no less than a courteous, efficient and speedy one. The PRC takes pride for having zero-backlogs in the issuance of professional licenses and ID cards. Procedures have been simplified, processing time reduced.

Good governance

Next, good governance. Anti-red tape and anti-graft measures have been enforced. For one, documents and letters submitted for action are acted upon in two days.

In pushing for "hands-on" management, it constantly "motivates everyone of the need for change in policies; systems and work attitudes, and effecting them with a sense of urgency." Ibe says the top brass will have to "lead by example."

Integrity of exams

The PRC attends to over two million professionals and over 200,000 examinees yearly, and it is also daring anyone to question its record of "zero-anomaly" in licensure examinations.

In also ensuring the quality and integrity of licensure examinations, test questionnaires are shredded immediately after the examinations. Results are released in an average of 3.26 days, further reducing the record 3.8-day average in 2000.

Protecting professionals

In protecting and promoting Filipino professionals, the PRC is working for the adoption of international standards and code of ethics and benchmarking the rules and performance of various boards with "best practices" to ensure such are immediately uniformly applied.

The PRBs are developing standards of professional practice, updating curriculum and syllabi, amending regulatory laws, monitoring the practice of foreign professionals working here, and resolving legal cases involving erring professionals.

The PRC is authorized by law to conduct ocular inspections of schools, plants, hospitals, laboratories, mines and others so as to make sure high professional, ethical and technical standards are followed.

Supporting government priorities.

To support national development priorities, the PRC has enhanced revenue collection through increases in fees and charges but at reasonable rates. It adopted economic measures, like putting a lid on unnecessary travels and seminars.

The agriculture and fishery technology practice have been professionalized with the creation of the Board of Agriculture and Board of Fisheries. An academic curriculum has been drafted. The guidelines for the registration, without requiring examinations, of thousands of agriculture and fishery technologists have been drawn up.

Modernization

Finally, modernization, which is two-fold: the restructuring of PRC's offices and staffing patterns, and computerization.

Manpower must adequately correspond to new mandated functions. The staffing pattern at the central office alone is essentially the same as when the PRC was created 28 years ago.

But the strategic core of modernization is the full computerization of all PRC operations. A five-year Information Systems Strategic Plan approved by the National Computer Center has yet to fully take off, but the PRC did initiate all the preparatory groundwork. At least, licensure examinations have been fully computerized.

Newfound image

The past two years were periods to contend with, a time spent facing up to the odds amid a daunting mandate, and summoning enough reserves of self-worth to overcome them. Yet the agency remains unappreciated, even by a segment of the very publics it is mandated to serve. But truly, certain problems, quite heavy in their numbers and variety, remain.

80-year-old school meets international standards

By Anne Sarte Tan
Contributor

PASAY City is the last place that comes to mind when one thinks of quality standards—its streets reek of either pollution or uncollected garbage and overflow with one-room houses populated with large, poor families.

At the heart of the city though is an 80-year-old school called St. Mary's Academy (SMC), which is run by the Religious of the Virgin Mary (RVM), the first pontifical Filipino congregation for women in the Philippines.

Just recently, it was awarded the ISO 9001:2000 certificate after having been independently assessed and certified as conforming to the standards set by the International Organization for Standardization commonly known as ISO—a worldwide federation of national standards bodies from some 140 countries. The award makes SMA the first school in Pasay City and the fourth school offering basic education in the country to have passed quality management standards.

Sharpening the saw

ISO 9001:2000 is the required standard used to assess an organization's ability to meet customer and applicable regulatory requirements to address customer satisfaction. It was SMA's immediate goal when it reviewed its mission and vision last year and was a step further on the international level, after having maintained local accreditation by the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities since 1984 for upholding quality education.

Sr. Ma. Evelyn Aguilar, RVM, the directress of SMA, recalls that she did not know where to start when she took on the task of improving the school's work systems.

Aguilar and high school principal Sr. Ma. Marisa Rebosura, RVM—were the only nuns in a crowd of business executives who attended the orientation seminar of TUV Rheinland Anlagentechnik, an organization authorized to assess and certify candidates against ISO standards.

"We can certainly review our own processes and look at the aspects we'd like to develop but we also need others to tell us how we can improve," Aguilar remarks. "Our job was to come up with a work system for all employees—with procedures formulated, documented and committed to by the employees themselves."

A group of 30 members composed of employees from management to maintenance staff levels was formed to comprise the SMA ISO core group. The first step was to identify processes that each employee would do in the course of his job. The second step was to choose which processes give value to the customers, and which were the things that they wanted to change to meet the ISO standard.

"It was a humbling experience," comments Jocelyn Licuanan, quality management representative of SMA. "We thought we had mastered our jobs already because we were doing the same things on a daily basis. What we realized during the review process was that we were doing many things that did not really create value. Processes should be analyzed with the customer in mind."

In the care of students, for example, procedures dictating the repair and maintenance of emergency lights, electric fans, and air-conditioning units are documented and adhered to. The school has to check whether they follow the building code, the fire protection code, and sanitation regulations to assure that the campus environment is conducive to learning. Even the noise level within the campus is controlled to meet the decibel standard of government agencies such as the Department of Health. Proper documentation of these procedures actually serves as the work manual and provides the basis on whether a job is up to par. It also facilitates the task of training new employees.

Each of the 227 employees has a training record that allows them to regularly monitor performance.

"Everyone is accountable for their own actions, and to each other," says Licuanan. "The quality that we aspire for should be consistent in all levels, and should be reviewed regularly to reduce mistakes."

IF U ARE INTERESTED IN A ROI (RETURN OF INVESTMENT) WITHIN A 1 YR. & 8 MOS. PERIOD, AND AN AVERAGE NET INCOME MONTHLY OF ABOUT 60,000 PESOS MORE AFTER; THEN U ARE THE ONE WE'RE LOOKING FOR ! ! !

Yes, with only an investment of less than 1 million pesos, renovation for about 60 sqm. construction costs inclusive, we will put you in the laundromat business fully equipped with heavy duty washers & dryers from "Admiral", proudly made in the USA, panaflex signboards, initial laundry equipments such as flat irons, steam wizard clothes steamers, & accessories required to run the business and office supplies. Now how can you beat that vs. putting the same amount in a stable financial institution earning only 12 % interest per yr. or about P 120,000.00 pesos. To top it all, We'll even endorse you to our affiliate company to finance your franchise.
But wait, if you respond now , we'll throw in a "Mr. Wash" Outdoor Pick-up station complete with an air conditioner and an "Admiral" beverage cooler. With a 125,000.00 peso value.
So hurry, We allow one franchisee per territory only. Our territory franchise is on a first come first serve basis rule.
Pls. fax your letter of intent and we'll get back to you soon.

MR. WASH
Laundry Service
/Professional wash in a flash!
Mr.Wash International, Inc.

POWERED BY:
Admiral
WASHERS & DRYERS
PROUDLY MADE IN THE USA

Note :
1. For Inquiries : Pls. fax to tel: 479-4201, 671-5955 stating your intent, location desired if any (sketch site), contact no. & estimated period to start your business.
2. Franchise available also for Indoor/Outdoor Pick-up stations (100,000 & 125,000 pesos respectively equipped with 1/2 HP aircon, booth cost, Admiral beverage cooler & built in clothes cabinets for outdoor type booth minus aircon for indoor type).

Partial lists of Mr. Wash Network : G/F Makati Tuscany Condo. (fronting Mla. Peninsula Hotel)* Javier (7818 Javier St., Makati City) *Cityland Pasong Tamo (UG-28, Bgy. Pio Del Pilar, Makati City) * Cityland 5 - South Star Condo. (South Superhighway) *Salcedo Village Branch (San Agustin St.) *Mayapis Branch (San Antonio Village)* Visayas Ave. Branch (Visayas Ave., Q.C) *Cityland Royal Mansion Branch (UG-8 Wack-Wack -Mandaluyong City)* Boni Branch (64- 1/F Boni Ave., Bgy. Plainview Mandaluyong City) *Murphy Branch (00 A Liberty Ave., Murphy Q.C.) * Maceda Branch (1135 Maceda St. Sampaloc, Manila) *Roces Branch (Unit A, Remedios Bldg. Roces Ave.-Q.C.) * San Pablo Branch (95-B Schetelig Ave. Lopez Jaena St. San Pablo City) * Baguio Branch (Pick-up Stations: (22 Kisad Rd., 52 Kamado Rd., Aurora Hill, Guadalupe Ladies Dorm, 133 T. Alonzo, New Lukban, 8 Hamada cor. Naguilian Rd., 12 R. Valenzuela, 19 T. Alonzo, 81 M. Roxas, Trancoville) * La Union Branch (Unit A PTTTC Building, Sevilla Sur, San Fernando, Catbangin, La Union) * Vigan Branch (Jose Singson St., Vigan- Ilocos Sur).

No Approved Therapeutic Claim BFAD Permit #PR-26121

Trouble in the throne room?

Healthy Options
SUPER FIBER TABS

Fiber tablets encourage bowel regularity. Promotes colon health too. Give it a go at *Healthy Options*.

Present this ad at any *Healthy Options* branch and enjoy 10% off on Super Fiber Tabs from June 15 to August 31, 2002. This coupon is limited to one product per customer.

Healthy Options
Choose the healthier option.

www.healthyoptions.com.ph

MANDALUYONG Shangri-la Plaza • SM Megamall • MAKATI Rustan's Supermarket • Greenbelt • QUEZON CITY SM City North EDSA • MANILA SM City Manila • ALABANG Festival Supermall • CEBU Ayala Center Cebu • PAMPANGA SM City Pampanga.
OBM-HO-THRONE-PDI-07-01-2002 [illegible]

HYUNDAI
Official Partner
HYUNDAI

Hyundai Asia Resources, Inc. salutes Korea for taking Asian football to greater heights

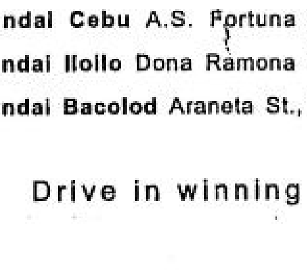
Hyundai Asia Resources, Inc. (HARI), exclusive Philippine distributor of Hyundai passenger cars and light commercial vehicles, congratulates Korea for becoming the first Asian team to enter the World Cup semifinals. The thrill of their run and the accomplishment of the Korea national team will long be remembered as one of the outstanding and unexpected performances in World Cup history. HARI is one with Hyundai Motor Company (HMC) in recognizing these same ideals of excellence and fair play, clearly displayed during the games. And we are proud to serve as an official partner of the 2002 FIFA World Cup™. We celebrate this feat with Korea as we kick up our presence in the Philippines.

www.myhyundai.com.ph

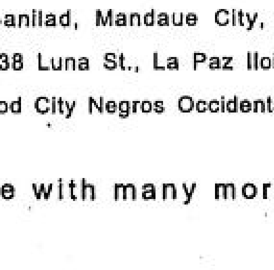
Drive smart, drive with peace of mind. Deal only with authorized HARI dealers.

Hyundai E.Rodriguez, Sr. 222 E.Rodriguez, Sr. Ave. Quezon City Tel.#:(02) 722-0932 to 37; (02) 251-0018
Hyundai Quezon Ave. 1144 Quezon Ave., Quezon City Tel.#:(02) 374-3911; (02) 411-2720
Hyundai Edsa 451 Edsa Guadalupe, Makati City Tel.#: (02) 882-2432; (02) 882-2433
Hyundai Pampanga San Fernando-Olongapo Gapan Road San Fernando, Pampanga Tel.#: (045) 888-3241; (045) 625-9865
Hyundai Cebu A.S. Fortuna St., Banilad, Mandaue City, Cebu Tel.#:(032) 346-2724; (032) 345-4146
Hyundai Iloilo Dona Ramona Bldg. 38 Luna St., La Paz Iloilo City Tel.#: (033) 320-2064; (033) 320-4186
Hyundai Bacolod Araneta St., Bacolod City Negros Occidental Tel.#: (034) 433-0567; (034) 434-8051 to 52

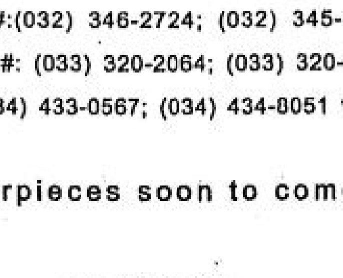
Drive in winning style with many more masterpieces soon to come!



STAREX



MATRIX



SANTA FE

HYUNDAI ASIA RESOURCES, INC.
EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTOR OF HYUNDAI
Hyundai Motor Company (HMC)
HYUNDAI
Always there for you.

Keeping people on their toes to find better way to do things

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

SY

RICKY P. SY is a mechanical engineer who now finds himself leading a firm that caters largely to women.

Sy is the general manager of the House of Sara Lee, a direct-selling firm that sells cosmetics and women's undergarments—very similar to Avon.

He says he was actually employee number 2, having joined the US firm since it started in 1992.

A father of one, the 43-year-old Sy takes his work in stride. He was first exposed to the technical side of the business, moved to marketing and is now involved in setting policies.

"I am one of those who feel that people makes an organization. If you allow the people to have the latitude to manage, they will," he says in describing how he manages the thousands of people under Sara Lee.

MANAGEMENT STYLES

"I give my trust to my people, I empower them," he adds.

His engineering discipline, however, pushes him keep his people constantly on their toes and think of better ways to do things. Like most engineers, Sy believes that there is more than one way of doing things.

"There is always an opportunity to change, an opportunity to do things better," he explains.

Devising systems

He admits that he can no longer get into the detail of things but what he instituted key measures to check on the various departments under him. He has devised systems that enable him to manage effectively without getting bogged down by minor issues.

"I don't have to look at the activities on a day to day basis but I have to make sure there is continuity. You have to be forward-looking, it is difficult to get sucked into details," he advises.

His measures include putting important disciplines on a per department basis.

In marketing, he explains, there are ways of challenging and reviewing what they are doing—if they continue to exercise their creativity and are planning things well.

Sy constantly asks the group: Is marketing doing something that will enable them to come up with new ideas?

In sales, he checks on the execution and actual implementation of the programs. Are there excellent levels of motivation?, he asks.

Sy says that when he first got a management position he "felt sucked into micro management."

"But a good manager plans and executes and takes care of creativity," he says although he can dive into the details once in a while.

Despite the disciplines he has put in place, Sy says he still puts in about 12 hours of work a day. With 61 branches, his hands are full just visiting and checking up on operations.

Sy says Sara Lee has grown substantially despite the economic crunch that has severely affected its competitors. He knows Sara Lee s still behind the competitors but he is optimistic that they will catch up if growth rates remain steady.

His corporate career started in San Miguel Corp.'s glass plant before moving to Avon Products Manufacturing Inc. where he developed containers for cosmetic products.

"Packaging is not an ordinary thing," he says, explaining that the cap and bottle should match, otherwise manufacturers will have a big problem.

From the packaging side, he went into information technology and project management where he got his first taste of management.

"Once we went into projects, I was exposed to all details of the business like marketing and sales," he says.

And as for his being a man in a woman's world?

"As a man we understand women too. We understand their needs and what they are looking for. After all men always pamper women," he says.

Understanding women

Sara Lee is actually the daughter of a baker who started the business in the 1930s. His first business venture was the bakery which sold the cakes and pastries that are now being sold worldwide under the same brand.

Today the House of Sara Lee has grown into a diversified conglomerate with annual revenues amounting to $17.4 billion.

Here in Manila, Sara Lee sells about 1,000 different products annually.

Interestingly, 5 percent of its 150,000 dealers in the Philippines are male.

The House of Sara Lee has three major product lines—food and groceries, intimates and apparel, household and body care.

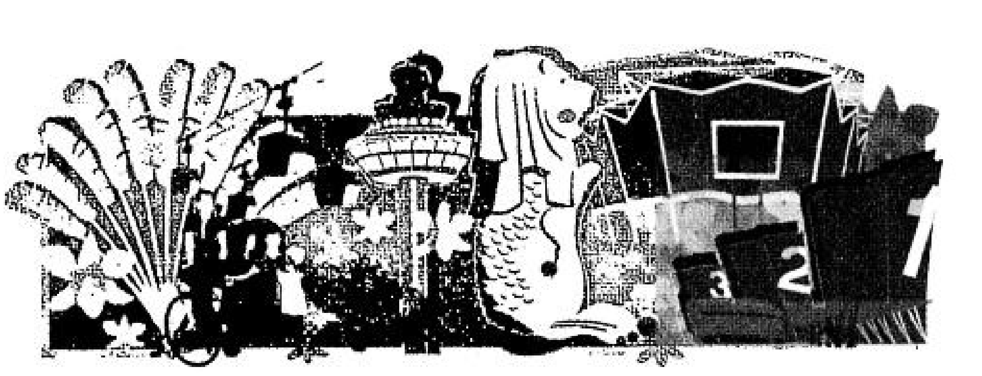
Intimates and apparel, and household and body care products constitute the bulk of its business in the Philippines.

Sara Lee brand available in the local market includes Hanes, Playtex and Champion athletic wear.

Household and body care brands include kiwi, Sunnex, Fiffan, ambi-pur and Zwitsal.

Sy says cosmetics and fragrances account for 60-65 percent of the revenues from the direct selling business.

The group recently adopted the name House of Sara Lee in its operations worldwide, instead of using different names.



Seize business opportunities in the world of Manufacturing Technology. Singapore promises you an eventful stay.

9 – 12 July
☐ **Cleantec Asia 2002**
Singapore Expo
Website:
http://www.hvacasia2002.com
Estimated no. of visitors: **5,000**
Estimated no. of participating companies: **20**

Cleantec Asia 2002 is the 1st international exhibition on environmental cleaning equipment and technology for industrial, commercial, institutional and residential sectors, which aims to gather the world s most advanced and effective cleaning equipment and technology under a one-stop cleaning platform.

9 – 12 July
☐ **Heating, Ventilation & Air-Conditioning Asia 2002 (HVAC Asia 2002)**
Singapore Expo
Website:
http://www.hvacasia2002.com
Estimated no. of visitors: **5,000**
Estimated no. of participating companies: **200**

HVAC Asia 2002, incorporating Air Filtration & Purification Asia 2002 is a high-end market platform that works in partnership with companies to provide the best marketing channel and network in Asia. The event is also held in conjunction with two other international shows, namely Refrigeration Asia 2002 and Building Automation & Controls Asia 2002 (BAC Asia 2002) to tap on Asia s distribution channels as well as to provide solutions to the industry.

9 – 12 July
☐ **Pumps & Systems Asia 2002**
Singapore Expo
Website:
http://www.psa2002.com
Estimated no. of visitors: **15,000**
Estimated no. of participating companies: **1,200**

Held in conjunction with Valves & Fittings Asia 2002; Tubes & Piping Asia 2002; Compressors & Systems Asia 2002; Fluid Power Asia 2002; Chemtec Asia 2002; Control & Instrumentation Asia 2002; Watertec Asia 2002; Envirotec Asia 2002, this event is the largest pumps and systems event in Asia in its 6th staging.

30 July – 1 August
☐ **CleanRooms Asia 2002**
Suntec Singapore
Website:
http://www.cleanrooms.com
Estimated no. of visitors: **3,000**
Estimated no. of participating companies: **160**

The event provides a platform for professionals to learn, understand and examine the most current contamination control technology. Visitors can also look forward to the most expansive array of equipment, products, and services in the contamination control industries.

Great Deals. Fabulous Offers.
Another Reason To *Live it up in Singapore!*

Contact the travel agents below for more details:

Adventure International Tours, Inc.
Tel : 632 524 8681-84
632 526 8406-08
Fax : 632 526 1306

Blue Horizons Travel and Tours, Inc.
Tel : 632 848 3901
Fax : 632 811 8289
632 848 3909

For more information, please contact:
Singapore Tourism Board
c/o Nancy Harel & Associates, Inc.
Tel: (632) 636 0258
Fax. (632) 636 0259
Email: stbphils@pacific.net.ph

Meet in Singapore
www.visitsingapore.com/mice

For feedback, text us at (0918)917-5026 or email us at lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph
LIFESTYLE
Arts/Design
Editor Chelo Banal-Formoso ◎ Subsection Editor Lito B. Zulueta

DUNKIN' DONUTS
COFFEE on the GO!
DUNKIN' DONUTS

Flying high with some help from Down Under

Ballet Philippines gets to take flying lessons to make the leap from 'Giselle' to 'Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon'

LEADING Australian movement director Gavin Robins

By Walter Ang
Contributor

DANCERS in tutus turning pirouettes may have ballet audiences somewhat jaded. But things are about to change. The dancers will do more than just leap and bound. Apart from lining up an eclectic mix of ma-

FLYING/ p.D2

GETAWAY

Waling-Waling BEACH HOTEL BORACAY
Avail Our Promo Package
Tel. 896-9456 to 58
Fax. 02-8969451
boracay@philonline.com

Calumpit Resort
MC ARTHUR HIGHWAY, BULACAN
☎ 711-7265 / 741-4480
OPEN 24 HOURS
10% DISCOUNT
ONE OF THE LARGEST RESORT IN CENTRAL LUZON
ADULT - P60.00
CHILDREN - P40.00
FREE CORKAGE
FOR RESERVATION: CALL LARRY OR GRACE

Riverview
RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER
CALAMBA, LAGUNA www.riverview.com.ph
LIVE-IN SEMINAR
P 777/ PERSON
MLA OFC: 925-8858
TEL.: (049)545-4728/2112

FOREST HILLS Village Resort SUBIC BAY
50% OFF GETS EVEN BIGGER W/ ADDITIONAL 20% DISCOUNT
THIS RAINY SEASON
TEL. 726-2641/21
TELEFAX: 726-0364

BAYVIEW PARK HOTEL MANILA
"Your Home by the Bay"
WEEKEND FAMILY TREAT ONLY Php 3,555++ FOR SATURDAY & SUNDAY STAY
W/ FREE BREAKFAST FOR FAMILY OF 4
526-1555 / 1-800-1888-5555
corp_sales@bayview.com.ph
FAX : 817-3942
SALES & RESERVATIONS:
☎813-7523/813-8553
CELL #: 0917-888-1-800
Website: www.microtelinn.com
www.microtelphil.com
• EAGLE RIDGE, CAVITE, GEN. TRIAS
Tel. No. (046) 500 3333
CELL # 0917 4138140
• STO. TOMAS, BATANGAS 1st PHIL. INDUST'L PARK
Tel. No. (043) 4058557
CELL #: 0917-8338230
• LUISITA, TARLAC PLAZA LUISITA MALL
Tel. No. (045) 9851770
CELL #: 0917-8170856
• OR. MINDORO, ILUPINIANA, CALAPAN CITY
Tel. No. (043) 2882824
CELL #: 0917 5820285

FOR INQUIRIES CALL 912-8983

Weigh Less Center
WE'LL TREAT YOU LIKE A STAR
- WEIGHT LOSS
- BOTOX
- WEIGHT GAIN
- DERMASTAR
  - Skin Whitening,
  - Rosy Peel,
  - Acne Peel
  - Anti-Ageing
- PLASTIC & COSMETIC SURGERY
- DENTAL HAVEN
  - Braces
  - Bleaching
  - Laminate

Free use of day spa & massage when you enrol*
Please call for more details*
373•0766 / 374•2437 / 371•8886
371•8887 / 373•3365 / 373•3366

WEIGH LESS CENTER & SPA, 31-G Roces Ave., Q.C.
WEIGH LESS CENTER BINONDO, 498 San Fernando St., Binondo Tel. 244-5378
CLINICA MANILA, 2F Bldg. A, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City
PATIENT FIRST MEDICAL CENTER, 3F Mercury Bldg., Glorietta, Mkt.
HEALTHWAY MEDICAL CLINIC, 2nd Flr. Festival Supermall (Pixie Forest Entrance)
• 3rd Flr. The Plaza Bldg., Greenbelt Shopping Centre, Mkt.
CEBU HOLDINGS, Suite 505 Cebu Business Park, Ayala Center, Cebu City
PAMPANGA AMBULATORY CLINIC, Gapan Olongapo Rd., Front of Carworld, San Fernando Pampanga
DAVAO BRANCH, Chardin Danao, Florentine Bldg., A. Bonifacio St., Davao City, 8000
ALL CLIENTS ARE SCHEDULED BY APPOINTMENT*

Club Noah ISABELLE
Estrella del Norte's Treasures Package
[Extended]

2 NIGHTS STAY

Rate per person	Promo Rate
Based on Twn, Dbl, Trp and Quad Occupancy	
• Adult	P 10,000
• First Child (3 –12)	Free of Charge
• Succeeding children (3 – 12)	P 5,000
• Infant (below 3)	Free of Charge
Based on Single Occupancy	
• Adult	P 13,000

3 NIGHTS STAY

Rate per person	Promo Rate
Based on Twn, Dbl, Trp and Quad Occupancy	
• Adult	P 14,000
• First Child (3 –12)	Free of Charge
• Succeeding children (3 – 12)	P 7,000
• Infant (below 3)	Free of Charge
Based on Single Occupancy	
• Adult	P 18,500

- *Package includes round-trip land and boat transfers, accommodation, meals, resort-programmed activities, and use of snorkeling equipment.*
- *Valid only until December 22, 2002*
- *Valid only for Local Residents (Filipinos, Philippine-based expats and Balikbayans)*

For inquiries and reservations, please contact your travel agent or call –
Unit 6D, 6/F Multinational Bancorporation Centre
6805 Ayala Avenue, Makati City 1226
Trunk lines: 844.6688, 844.6166, 844.7786, 844.4828
843.6037 and 843.6068 Fax No 845.2380
www.clubnoah.com.ph | www.clubnoahjapan.com
info@clubnoah.com.ph | info@clubnoahjapan.com

DKNY
THE FRAGRANCE
© DONNA KARAN STUDIO

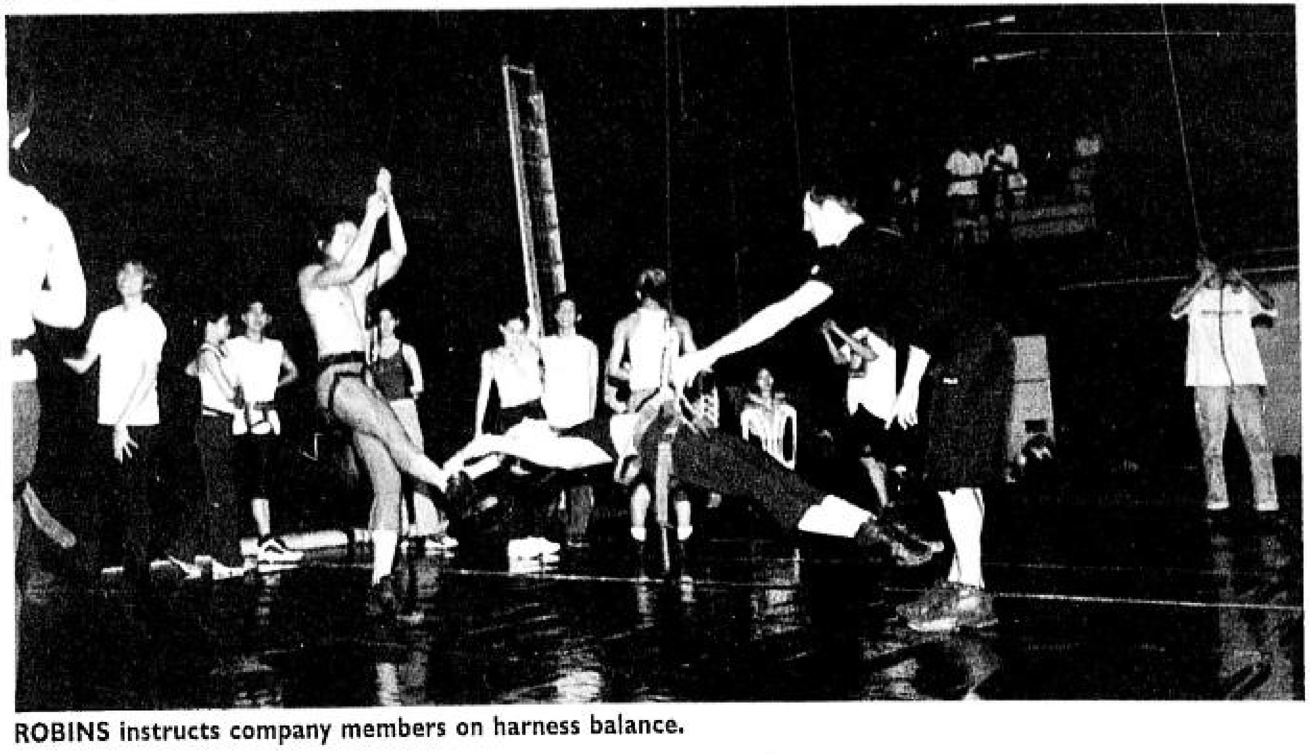
DKNY THE FRAGRANCE
BRINGS TO YOU
THE HEART, THE SOUL, THE SPIRIT OF NEW YORK

PURCHASE ANY DKNY FRAGRANCE FOR MEN OR WOMEN TODAY AND YOU'LL BE ENTITLED TO AN ORIGINAL DKNY BACKPACK FOR ONLY ₱ 350.

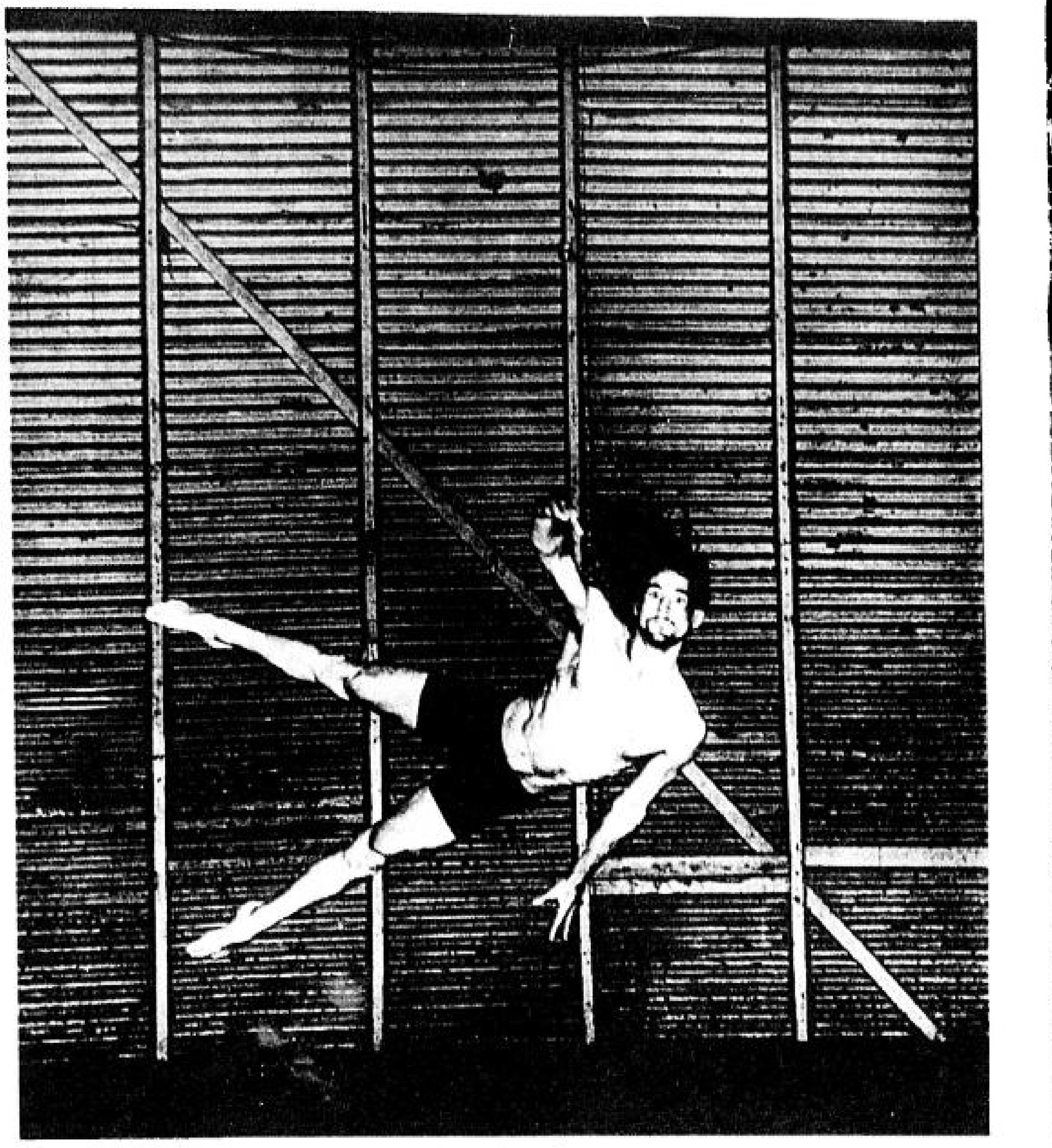
ONE PER CUSTOMER, PLEASE. AVAILABLE FROM NOW TILL JULY 15, 2002.

Exclusively available at:
Rustan's
• Makati, Tel. No: 813 3739
• Shangri-La Plaza, Tel. No: 633 4636
• Alabang, Tel. No: 850 5532

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 2584 Series of 2002



ROBINS instructs company members on harness balance.



UP ON THE ROOF. Robins in suspended animation

Flying high with some help from Down Under

From page D1

terial for its 33rd season, Ballet Philippines has also begun taking flying lessons. Flying with harnesses, that is.

The flying lessons are in preparation for an upcoming production about a stone-swallowing, flying-dynamo of a local heroine slated for next year. This new production is in line with BP artistic director Denisa Reyes' efforts to create new works that speak to the sensibilities of today's younger audiences. After all, enticing and capturing the young audiences today is key to establishing a long-term relationship with its audience.

The Australian Embassy had heard about Denisa's plan and recommended Gavin Robins for a possible artistic collaboration. Known as one of Down Under's leading movement directors, Robins has an impressive body of work ranging from choreographing pop-star Tina Arena's concerts to the opening number for the Sydney Olympics 2000. He has also been involved in straight plays and street performances. He has choreographed the aliens in the sci-fi TV series "Farscape." Perhaps his most notable involvement is as performer and co-devisor of the Legs on the Wall Physical Theater Company. A short video featuring highlights of this company's previous works wowed recently the press with its impressive images of dancers flying and contorting through the air, suspended by wires and harnesses akin to bungee cords.

Not afraid to fly

BALLET Philippines' "Joie de Dance" is part of the French Spring in Manila.

Robins' cutting-edge works in dance, acrobatics, ashtanga yoga and aerial theater, and BP's upcoming production were ingredients ripe for a blending. Things fell into place and with a grant from the New South Wales Ministry for the Arts and the Australian Council; the tall, buff choreographer arrived in May. His stay, the first of a series of visits, involves teaching the BP dancers on the use of different "flying" equipment.

The workshop is being held at the Sinag Arts Studio—whose staff includes noted lighting designer Shoko Matsumoto. "You have to give dancers time to embrace a new physical language. We have a height of five meters (in the studio) to play with now," said Robins, "It's a good height to train with. Then we'll move onto the eight meters the CCP Main Theater has to offer."

The students have taken well to the techniques and equipment used in movies like "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," "Spiderman" and "The Matrix." On their first day, the dancers were already "running up the walls and flying," said Robins, "from the little time I've spent with the Filipino dancers, they've displayed a dynamic risk-taking energy yet at the same time, an intrinsic notion of play."

A part of the workshop had one dancer walking along the walls much the same way Michelle Yeoh did in "Crouching." "Movies these days have changed the way we view theater. I'm looking to bring that kind of movement into theater. This is the kind of thing popular with younger audiences. I'm excited. We need to be a step ahead visually and push the boundaries."

Something special

Denisa Reyes is clearly delighted at the possibilities of this collaboration. "We will be creating something very special, very different. Our collaboration efforts won't be seen till we stage our show next year, but we want to prepare well for it," she said.

Albeit that particular production is still a year away, in the meantime, BP won't be leaving audiences on the ground. After all, there's a full season to look forward to. Ballet Philippines' 33rd season opens on July 5 with "Joie de Dance"—a tribute to dancer Cecile Sicangco (yes, the lady in that milk commercial) after 15 years of dancing.

Sicangco's farewell performance will be presented as part of the French Spring Festival and she'll be dancing a piece specially choreographed for her by Guillaume Compain. "Joie de Dance" will also feature former BP dancer Ernest Mandap, now a principal dancer of Brumachon-Lamarche Company, who will return to perform Claude Brumachon's "Les Indomptes" (The Untamed).

Immediately following is the national tour of last year's smash-hit "Shoes++." With its wonderful showcase of different forms, funky pizzaz and a sazzy shoe-saleslady, "Shoes++" will visit Ilocos, Lucena, Batangas, Olongapo, Iloilo, Cebu, Cagayan de Oro, Bukidnon and Davao. Alden Lugnasin's whimsical piece "Flippers" was a crowd pleaser last year (Who knew one could dance while wearing diving flippers?) and is not to be missed. "Shoes++" returns to Manila for a repeat run in Aug. The season includes wholesome family fun with "Cinderella" in Dec. and ends with a homecoming of guest artists from around the globe in "Neo-Filipino: Balikbayan."

Ballet Philippines will mount "Joie de Dance" on July 5 at 8 p.m. and on July 6 and 7 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Cultural Center of the Philippines. The performance is in connection with the French Spring in Manila. Call 551-0221 or –1003.

Blacked out, Licad shines on

By Antonio C. Hila
Contributor

WHO'S afraid of performing in the dark?

Not megapianist Cecile B. Licad, who, amid total darkness, continued playing the Intermezzo, the slow movement of Rachmaninoff's Concerto No. 3 in D Minor, Op.30. Literally, the main theater of the CCP was engulfed in darkness as a result of a power snapout. Undaunted, Licad continued to play, grandly dishing out the pensive sentiment of the slow movement. Such a grandeur served as a beacon light to the entire audience who all the more tried to focus on the music. The continued playing calmed their apprehension, as the entire hall seemed to have sunk into the depths of darkness that lasted for a couple of minutes. Licad's playing sounded more palpable, empowered by the sheer fact that there was practically nothing to behold and listen to except the music that her dexterous fingers were carving out of the keyboard.

LICAD: She lights up our life.

With bated breath, the audience had expected the worst—the emergency lights having failed. After a few bars, the orchestra stopped playing, leaving Licad all alone, rhapsodizing immaculately the elegiac sublimity of the long expository passage for the piano. Perhaps it was her absorbing playing that had the magic to bring back the light, because as if on cue, it came back at the precise moment, when the piano and orchestra were to etch a lilting, playful section.

And then the piano once more made a powerful outburst that led to the finale. Piano and orchestra were in their highest moment of ecstatic outburst, as they conquered wave after wave of exciting passages full of dynamic, rhythmic variety and flexibility. Hardly had the last note faded out when the audience, totally electrified, spontaneously stood up in ovation. The applause was thunderous, spiced with warm shouts of bravos. Licad acknowledged several curtain calls, which she readily shared with Rodel Colmenar who had wielded the baton competently. It was this competence that ensured tight rapport between him and Licad.

Licad's stellar performance totally eclipsed her 1999 rendition of the same piece in the same hall.

Perhaps a plus was the engagement of the newly founded San Miguel Philharmonic Orchestra (SMPO) whose sound was fresh and rich. Undoubtedly, the SMPO is a welcome addition to our symphonic orchestras.

Another plus was Colmenar himself, the youthful conductor who used to be the principal horn player of the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra. Young and dynamic, Colmenar surprised his listeners by conducting the orchestra's main fare, the exciting Dmitri Shostakovich work, Symphony No. 5, Op. 47, sans score. Colmenar revealed the composer's bent for soaring melodic lines that had much great appeal. Above all, he clearly delineated the composer's feat for orchestration, as he etched vividly the thematic lines from one instrument to the other. The orchestral sounds were engaging, rich in dynamics and articulate in rhythmic pulsations.

In both this symphonic work and the concerto, including the Magic Flute Overture by Mozart, Colmenar showed a great understanding of the music, enabling him to wield his baton with complete authority.

German performance

A day after the memorable performance, a select group of Manila's music lovers savored more of Licad's pianism at the residence of Ambassador Herbert D. Jess of the embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany. The recital was a homage to the 141st birth anniversary of Jose P. Rizal. Rizal and Licad are the stars of the evening, said the good ambassador in his welcome remarks. Culture should be shared, he said, for it " belongs to all of us, the world, and the entire humankind."

Unesco Commisioner Felice Prudente Sta. Maria gave biographical insights on Rizal, which she related to his humanism and heroism.

In the recital that followed, Licad disclosed her own brand of pianism—a pianism best understood in terms of what she said she had learned from her teacher, the late Rudolf Serkin: "not to be afraid to take risks." This explains her unconventionality at times which, when taken in the context of her playing, finds bold justification. She was impeccable in Schubert's Impromtu No. 4 in F Minor (D 935 Op. 1420. The lines were clear and singing. She was dazzling in Lizst's Mephisto Waltz and Orage (from "Annes de Pelegrinage"). She was higly introspective in Valle d' Obermann. In Chopin's Twelve Etudes, Op. 25, she was poetic in the No. 7 in C-sharp Minor, but highly radical in the rendition of the No. 10 in B Minor and No. 11 in A minor, which showed rhythmic variations in tempo.

Awed and ravished, the audience gave her a thunderous applause, and of course, an ovation. Like the audience at the CCP, the audience refused to stop applauding until Cecile gave encores. In the reception that followed, the celebrated pianist was seen busy, signing autographs and posing for pictures. She had touched her listeners' hearts; they would certainly listen to her beguiling touch endlessly in their imagination.

PPO at Mt. Carmel church

THE PHILIPPINE Philharmonic Orchestra (PPO), under the baton of principal conductor and musical director Ruggero Barbieri, will perform at the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine Parish in New Manila, QC, on July 10, 8:30 p.m. This will be the first time an orchestra will be part of the fiesta at the Mt. Carmel Shrine. Its appearance is one of the highlights of the parish's week-long fiesta celebration culminating in the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on July 16.

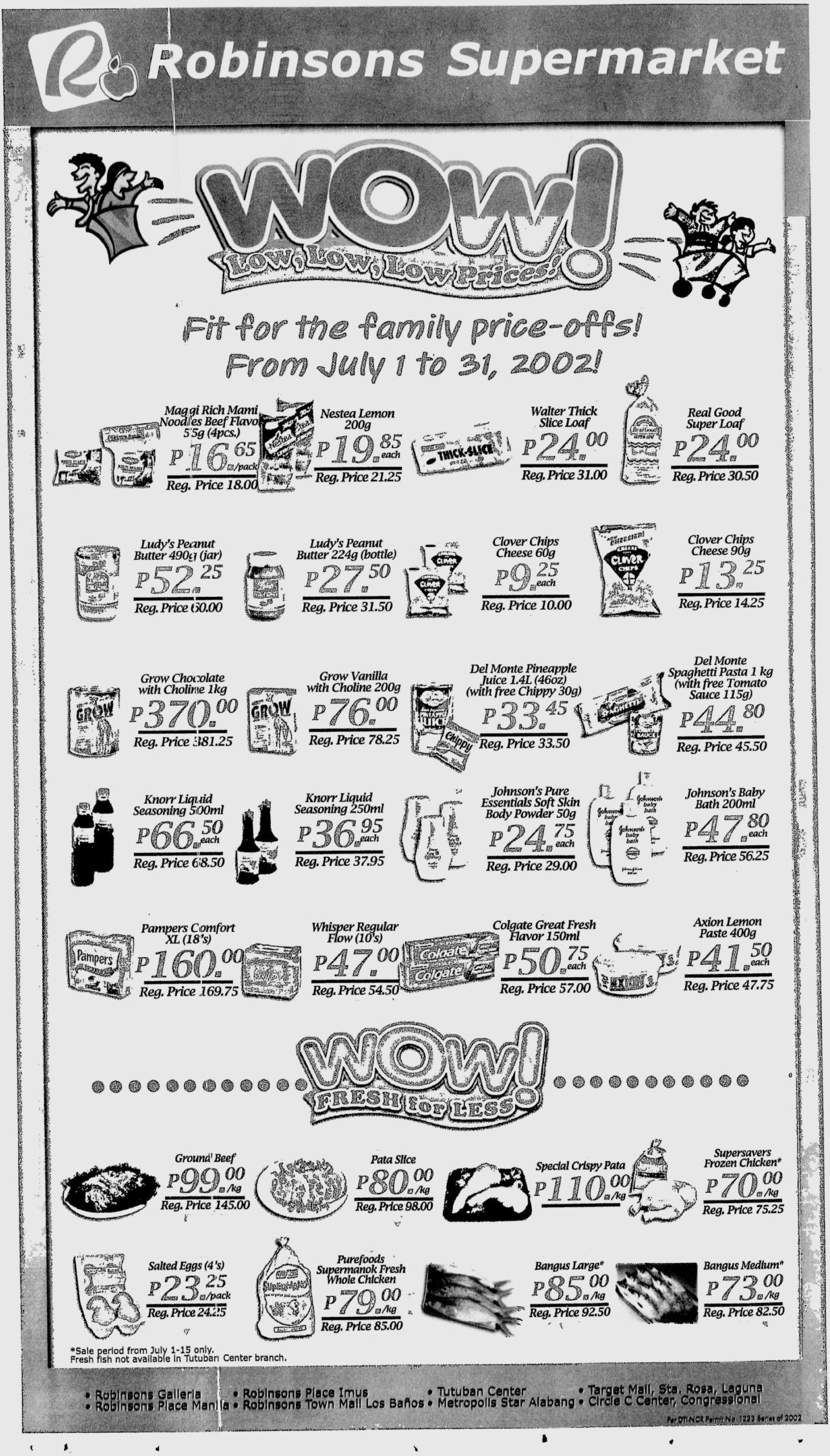
The concert is titled, "Alay Kay Maria: Alay Kay Nanay." Special guest is soprano Ana Tirol.

The repertoire will include Tchaikovsky's "Capricio Italien," Rossini's "William Tell Overture," and "Ugoy ng Duyan" by National Artists Lucio San Pedro and Levi Celerio.

Other highlights are: July 7, start of novena masses; July 7, the Novo Concertante Manila concert; July 13, Mass by Bishop Rolando Tria Tirona; and July 16, Mass by Bishop Socrates Villegas.

Call 724-5938.

'BALANCHINE!' IN ANTIPOLO
The Philippine Ballet Theater will stage "Balanchine!"—a tribute to the famous and influential cheoreographer George Balanchine, at the Assumpta Theater in Antipolo City on July 5 (matinee and gala). Call 727-5651 or 724-3476.



Robinsons Supermarket

Fit for the family price-offs!
From July 1 to 31, 2002!

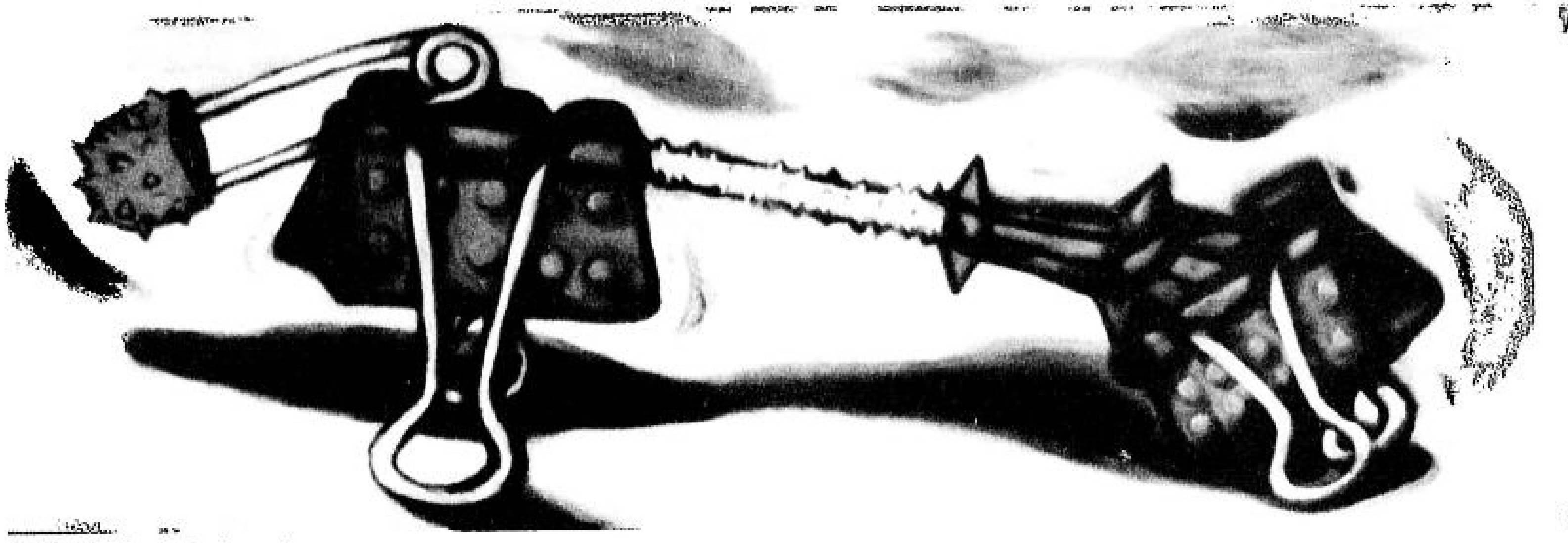
Maggi Rich Mami Noodles Beef Flavor 55g (4pcs.)	P16.65 /pack	Reg. Price 18.00
Nestea Lemon 200g	P19.85 each	Reg. Price 21.25
Walter Thick Slice Loaf	P24.00	Reg. Price 31.00
Real Good Super Loaf	P24.00	Reg. Price 30.50
Ludy's Peanut Butter 490g (jar)	P52.25	Reg. Price 60.00
Ludy's Peanut Butter 224g (bottle)	P27.50	Reg. Price 31.50
Clover Chips Cheese 60g	P9.25 each	Reg. Price 10.00
Clover Chips Cheese 90g	P13.25	Reg. Price 14.25
Grow Chocolate with Choline 1kg	P370.00	Reg. Price 381.25
Grow Vanilla with Choline 200g	P76.00	Reg. Price 78.25
Del Monte Pineapple Juice 1.4L (46oz) (with free Chippy 30g)	P33.45	Reg. Price 33.50
Del Monte Spaghetti Pasta 1 kg (with free Tomato Sauce 115g)	P44.80	Reg. Price 45.50
Knorr Liquid Seasoning 500ml	P66.50 each	Reg. Price 68.50
Knorr Liquid Seasoning 250ml	P36.95 each	Reg. Price 37.95
Johnson's Pure Essentials Soft Skin Body Powder 50g	P24.75 each	Reg. Price 29.00
Johnson's Baby Bath 200ml	P47.80 each	Reg. Price 56.25
Pampers Comfort XL (18's)	P160.00	Reg. Price 169.75
Whisper Regular Flow (10's)	P47.00	Reg. Price 54.50
Colgate Great Fresh Flavor 150ml	P50.75 each	Reg. Price 57.00
Axion Lemon Paste 400g	P41.50 each	Reg. Price 47.75

Ground Beef	P99.00 /kg	Reg. Price 145.00
Pata Slice	P80.00 /kg	Reg. Price 98.00
Special Crispy Pata	P110.00 /kg	
Supersavers Frozen Chicken*	P70.00 /kg	Reg. Price 75.25
Salted Eggs (4's)	P23.25 /pack	Reg. Price 24.25
Purefoods Supermanok Fresh Whole Chicken	P79.00 /kg	Reg. Price 85.00
Bangus Large*	P85.00 /kg	Reg. Price 92.50
Bangus Medium*	P73.00 /kg	Reg. Price 82.50

*Sale period from July 1-15 only.
Fresh fish not available in Tutuban Center branch.

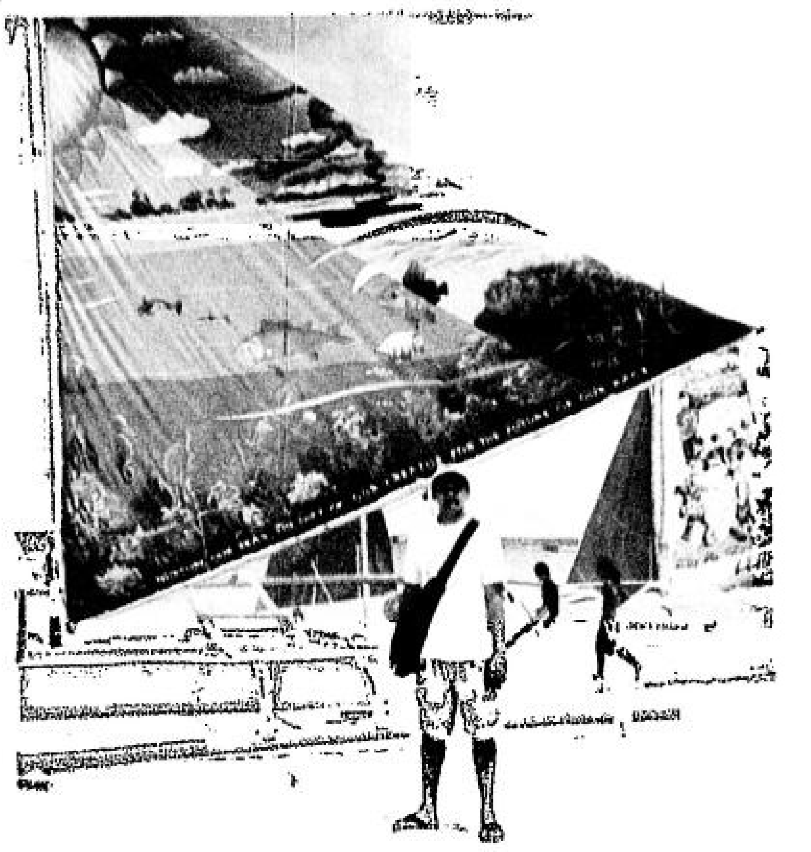
- Robinsons Galleria
- Robinsons Place Manila
- Robinsons Place Imus
- Robinsons Town Mall Los Baños
- Tutuban Center
- Metropolis Star Alabang
- Target Mall, Sta. Rosa, Laguna
- Circle C Center, Congressional

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 1233 Series of 2002



"THE WAR of the Irons"

Caluza plays with nuts and bolts while artists frolic on the beach



"OCEANS" by Fidel Sarmiento

By Gino Dormiendo
Contributor

FOR HIS initial show, Ino Caluza has chosen the unlikely subject of steel, departing from the traditional blasé objects that inhabit the world of still life.

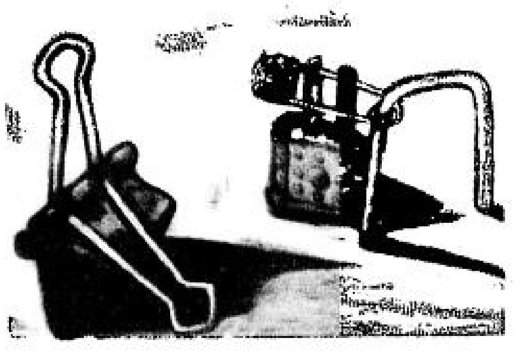
Away from the usual norm of a vase of flowers, a bowl of fruits and other artifacts of domesticity, Caluza has opted to zero in on objects that litter the work table, the garage or the storage area; these objects await reuse, recycling or disposal.

The objects represent discarded bits and pieces culled from the junk shop—metal pulleys, screws, locks, faucets, electrical plugs—that have partly or totally outlived their purpose or usefulness. In the words of the artist, these are "incongruous parts that for some reason or another never found their way into the whole."

Seemingly devoid of purpose, these objects have been transformed into veritable living things in Caluza's wild imaginings; they are conjured as characters in the arena of love and war.

In the triptych "Play Things," done in oil pastel and acrylic on paper as with all the pieces, Caluza has three characters engaged in playful poses: a discarded stapler, a clip binder wedged onto a hinge, and a spiky wire emerging from a fastener. In their magnified forms, these objects may strike the viewer as being part of a toy story, complete with arms and legs, and engaged in fierce mortal combat.

The stage is set for deadlier confrontation in "The War of the Irons," where the soldering iron is battling it out with a safety pin attached to a clip binder. It is, of course, only a make-believe war, and the protagonists are nothing but discards from the junk shop.



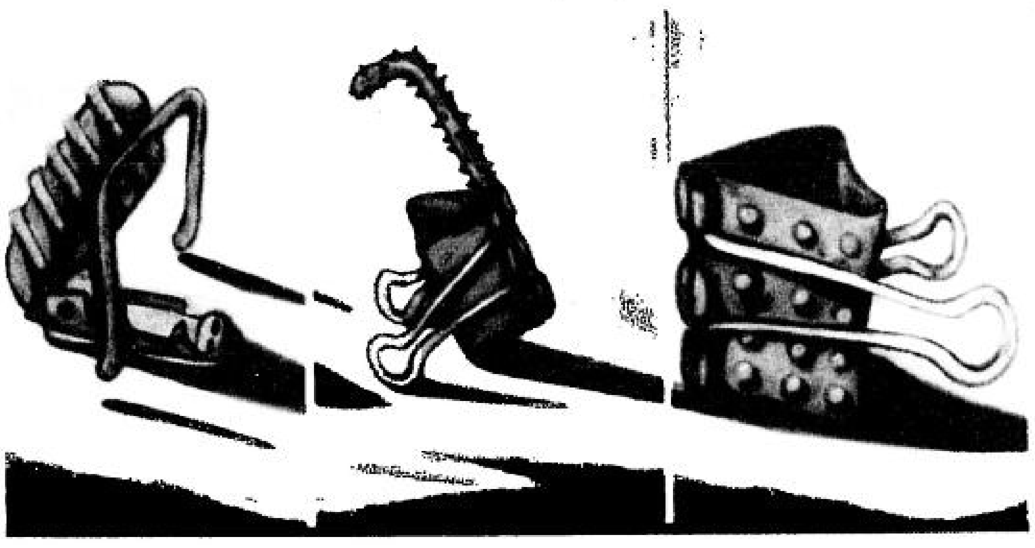
"PARK Life"

Ditto with "Delirium Drama," where the image conjured is of two locks interlocked with each other, the one with the spiky head emerging as the victor in the battle. Caluza stretches the idea a little too far in "Bull Fights," where the pins assume characters in a bull fight, ostensibly aiming for a kill.

Caluza does not confine himself to acts of aggression with these harmless gadgets. In the other pieces, he finds possibilities by way of lovemaking as scenario. In "Scene from the Intergalactic Coupling," a roundish, centipede-like object wiggles its way into its quarry.

A mathematics degree holder majoring in computer science from the University of Santo Tomas, Caluza possesses a transforming, if transformative, sensibility that enables him to experiment with his imagery. He laces his compositions with wit and mischief, but it appears that he could have pushed his sense of playfulness further to conjure deeper truths about his imagery and to make them endure in the viewer's imagination.

Caluza's rumination on steel life, by giving discarded objects a new lease on life by animated characterization, comes off as a little too repetitive for comfort. As objects of fantasy, they would have worked more fittingly as installation pieces, and could have also been better appreciated as fully-rounded animated objects, with sound and movement as the all-essential quality with which to seduce the viewer.



"PLAY Things"

Art in Boracay

A truly unique painting contest as part of the preparations for the UN World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa, unreeled in Boracay on June 7-9. Dubbed "Sail Poster Painting Contest: A Water Arts Festival in Boracay, Bohol and Batangas," the contest attracted 50 of the country's foremost artists who used the sails as their canvas in what the DENR called the "creative army" to help protect Philippine seas and biodiversity.

The first prize went to Fidel Sarmiento, incumbent president of the Art Association of the Philippines, with the theme "Oceans;" the second prize went to Aner Sebastian, also an AAP member, for "Lakes;" and the third prize to James Haresco, a Boracay-based artist for "Fish Kills."

Copping honorable mention were Augusto Sebastian of the Tuesday Group for "Muro Ami;" Michael Dujua of Surrounded by Water ("Disaster Piece"); Norman Dreo of AAP ("Dams and Reservoirs"); and Lino Villaruz ("Endangered Species"), Czarina Danielle ("Strict Implementation Policy"), John Alaban ("Reforestation of the Watersheds"), all of Capiz Arts Council. Also winning honorable mention were independent artist Isidro Santos ("Coral Reef Mining") and Romeo Reyes of AAP ("Beaches").

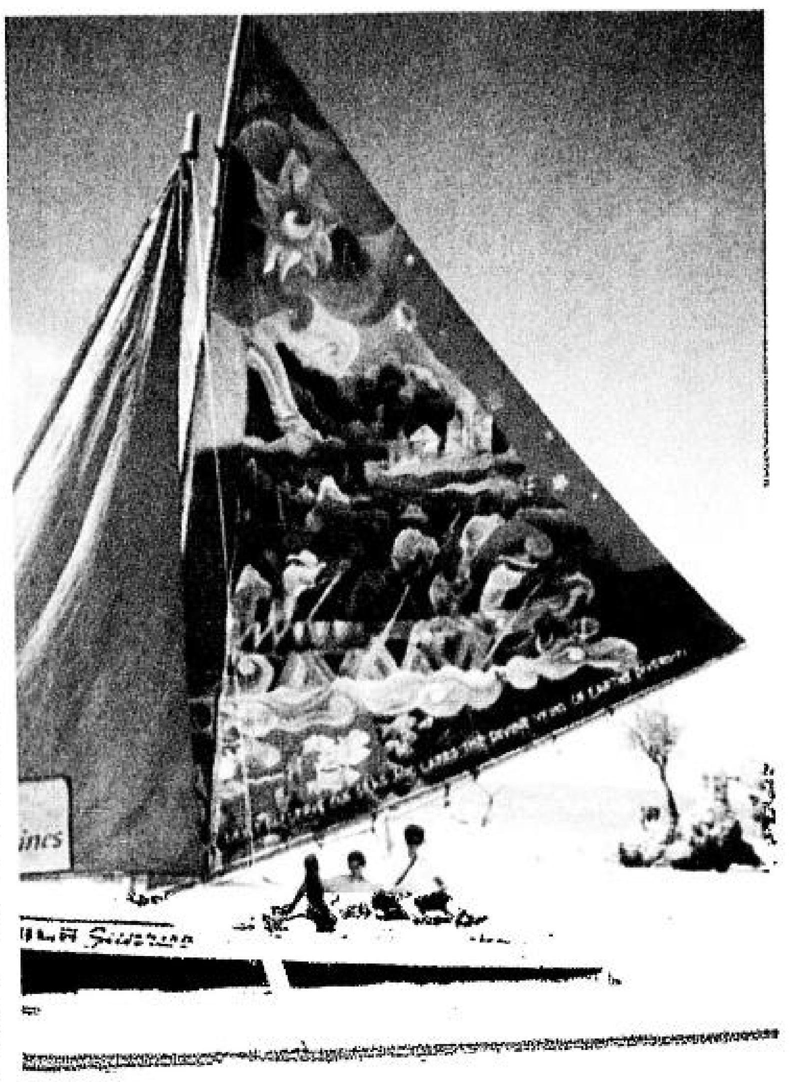
The board of judges was chaired by National Artist Napoleon Abueva. Members were Belinda Olivares-Cunanan of the Philippine Daily Inquirer; Jarius Bondoc, Chit Pedrosa and Alex Magno of the Manila Standard; Ileana Cruz of the UP Bio-Science Institute; Patricia Pangilinan of Ateneo's Ethics and Aesthetics; writer-artist Cecilia Gutierrez; and Camille Buenaventura of San Miguel Corporation's Public Affairs.

Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez said the sails would be brought to Johannesburg in August, where they would be on exhibit during the United Nations Summit for Sustainable Development.

In October, the "paintsails" will be displayed during the Ministerial Meeting on Water to be held in China. All paintsails are now on display in various SM malls.

The Water Arts Festival will establish the Gallery of the Sea, which hopes to include developing a record of eco and water songs to raise awareness and create a peaceful, just and sustainable progressive country.

For comments e-mail the author at gdormiendo@yahoo.com.



"LAKES" by Aner Sebastian

FIDEL Sarmiento, Aner Sebastian and James Haresco with their trophies

---

Duschane at Megamall; Aguinaldo at Hiraya; the collecting passion at Lopez Museum

VISUAL ARTS

ARTURO B. Duschane, a United States-based artist who is a member of the UP Fine Arts Class '53, is exhibiting his works at the Azcor and the Old Manila at SM Megamall. A member of the famous Mabini group of artists, Duchane had won the Metropolitan Insurance and Shell art contests before immigrating to the US in the late 1960s. On display are oils, pastels, acrylics and watercolors mainly on American subjects. Call 824-7741 and 37, and 633-1656 and 4944.

PSYCHIATRIST Marissa de Guzman unravels the psychology behind the passion for collecting and personal obsessions. A free lecture will be held at the Lopez Museum, G/F Benpres Bldg., Pasig. Call 631-2417 or 449-2355.
The lecture is in conjunction with the ongoing exhibit "Fixation: Notions of Obsession," which runs until July 13. The exhibit examines collectors and collections institutional and private, seeks animated discussions about aspects of collecting and the varied passions of various collectors even as it celebrates the very human need to own and possess.

LEONARD Aguinaldo presents "Creative Isolation" beginning July 6. The show suggests that the artist's visit to France last year as the lone Philippine representative in "Le Vent des Forets," a unique outdoor international art exhibition in the rural town of Lahaymeix, has left quite an impression on the Cordilleran artist. The works in this exhibit, carved on neolite and painted in oil or acrylic in bright, pleasant colors that are atypically Cordilleran, are the product of that period of reclusive artistic activity. Aguinaldo was introduced to habitues of Hiraya Gallery visitors through his major individual show last year, "Chadjang and Other Rites."
"Creative Isolation" runs until July 31. Hiraya Gallery is at 530 United Nations Avenue, Ermita, Manila. Call 523-3331.

THE ATENEO Art Gallery presents "Whitewash" until Aug. 14. Whitewash studies the incidence of whiteness in Philippine art and relates it to concepts such as emptiness, blankness, fullness and negativity. It features works by National Artists Ang Kiukok, Arturo Luz and J. Elizalde Navarro, and early pieces by significant artists such as David Cortez Medalla and Roberto Chabet. Also on show are pieces loaned from the collection of the Lopez Memorial Museum, as well as works by young, contemporary artists working in the new media: Nona Garcia, Jonathan Olazo and Ronald Anading. The Ateneo Art Gallery is at the G/F, Rizal Library, Ateneo de Manila University, Loyola Heights, Quezon City. Call 426-6001 loc 4160.

IN "REBIRTHINGS," a sculpture exhibit, Agnes Arellano represents nude women as mothers, Marys and mythological creatures. Her works can be seen as a process of shedding skin as layers of interpretation are molded and uncovered. The exhibit will open on July 8 and run until Aug. 2 at the Alliance Française de Manille Totalfinaelf Gallery, 209 Nicanor Garcia St., Bel-Air II, Makati. Call 895-7585/ 7441.

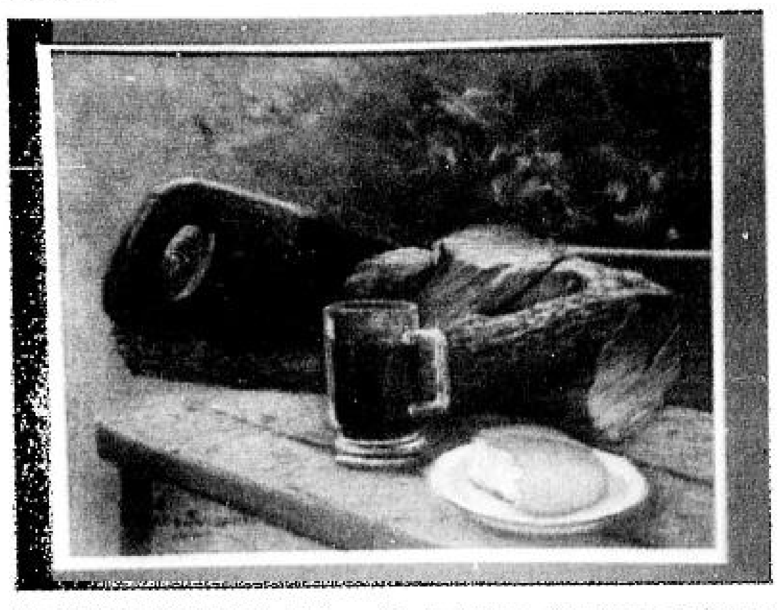
KIKO Escora presents his recent works on paper, an evocative collection of narratives interpreted through an intense and sensual layering in charcoal. Haunting, dark and moody, they display the artist's ongoing search for new expressions through drawing. The exhibit runs until July 17 at The Drawing Room, G/F, Metrostar Bldg., 1007 Metropolitan Ave., Makati City. Call 897-6990/7877.

JOEL MENDEZ is holding a one-man show of abstract paper works also at The Drawing Room until July 17. A suite of 11 black and white works which, according to the artist, are essentially about "woman," will be featured. Mendez is a prolific artist with a wide range of styles and concerns. Call 897-6990/7877.

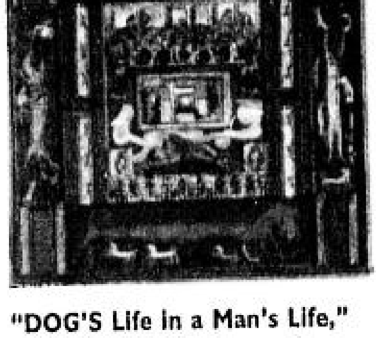
WORKSHOP. Escuela sa Museo, Ayala Museum's Continuing Education program, will start its third quarter line-up of workshops in July. The program will help develop visual and creative skills.
Saturday schedules for children ages 7-14 include a Digital Arts workshop, July 6-Aug. 10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; and Beginner's Pastel workshops, July 6-Aug. 24, 2-5 p.m.. International school students who will have their summer break July-August can attend a special workshop on Beginner's Oil Painting July 10-Aug. 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday and Friday. Play Art for Toddlers is a new workshop designed specifically for children ages 2-4. It will be held Aug. 31-Sept. 21, 10 a.m.-12nn, Saturday. Workshops for adults include the second level of the Drawing workshop, Basic Drawing 2, (July 4-Aug. 22, 6-9 p.m., Thursday); Beginner's Pastel (July 6-Aug. 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday); Beginner's Oil Painting (Aug. 2-Sept. 20, 6-9 p.m., Friday); Jewelry Making (Aug. 7-28, 2-5 p.m., Wednesday); Portraiture (Aug. 10-Sept. 28, 9 a.m.- 12nn, Saturday); and Decorative Arts (Sept. 4-25, 2-5 p.m., Wednesday). Workshop participants will receive certificates of recognition and take part in class graduation exhibits at the museum. Special and tutorial workshops are also offered upon request. Call 810-8407.

PINTO Art Gallery offers comprehensive, intensive and hands-on art classes in basic drawing and painting. Learn methods on how to draw and paint from visual artist Rolando Acuna. Classes are open to children 6 years above and adults. Lessons will be held for 10 Saturdays July 20-Sept. 14. Registration starts June 15. Call 697-1015 or visit Pinto Art Gallery, No. 1 Sierra Madre St., Grand Heights, Antipolo City.

NEMIRANDA (right) together with his five children and a grandson will unveil the biggest exhibit ever by the family at the Art Center of SM Megamall on July 14-28. Call 651-0109 or 638-4113



"A GARDENER'S Delight," pastel, by Arturo Duschane at Azcor and Old Manila at SM Megamall



"DOG'S Life in a Man's Life," mixed media, by Leonard Aguinaldo at Hiraya

Pottery that approaches sculpture

By Constantino C. Tejero

A DIFFERENT approach to the craft of pottery could be seen in the recent exhibit "Lupi-Luping Lupa," by Joey Yorac, in The Crucible Gallery at the Artwalk, 4/L, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City.

It was the second solo exhibit of Yorac, who learned pottery at the Lill Street Studios in Chicago. It showcased what the information sheet described as "the possibilities of the human hand in crafting coarse and formless material to an intended form and degree of fineness." Those were 19 functional vessels made from hand-built clay slabs.

Each slab is "stretched by hand to the thinnest possibility of the material while still retaining structural integrity," says the artist. By using only three basic hand tools (knife, regular and serrated ribboning tools), shapes are cut from the slab, then joined together as parts of a vase or bowl, before the piece is vitrified by high-temperature firing.

This construction process, says the artist, enables him to work directly with the material with his hands without the limitations in form imposed by other ceramic forming processes such as wheel throwing. Spontaneity of form results from utilizing the irregularities created in the clay during the stretching process.

There were two unglazed pieces in the exhibit, of reddish-brown color, with a grainy or sandy texture. One was a bowl for floating water plants or petals. The other was a vase shaped like a baker's hat, with a cluster of curling incisions on each side near the rim.

"Unglazed pieces aim to highlight the surface texture, irregularity of form, and the economy of material employed in the creation of the piece," explains the artist.

Of the glazed ones, there was a tall vase tapering at the top, gray with rust-colored flecks on its smooth surface. This was paired with one with a textured surface, green, with rust patches.

A low flat-sided vase had a grainy surface of gun-metal blue. This was paired with a gray one with a soiled look, smooth-surfaced and rounded on the sides.

In a cluster were three flat-sided and round-sided vases, smaller ones, of green, brown and violet (lovely-hued, this).

A vase shaped like a sailor's cap was pale blue in the upper portion and charcoal-gray below, the glaze looking like a melting watercolor impression of a landscape.

A flat-sided vase of poison-green with flecks of rust was paired with another of ink-blue, the thin pair looking like bookends.

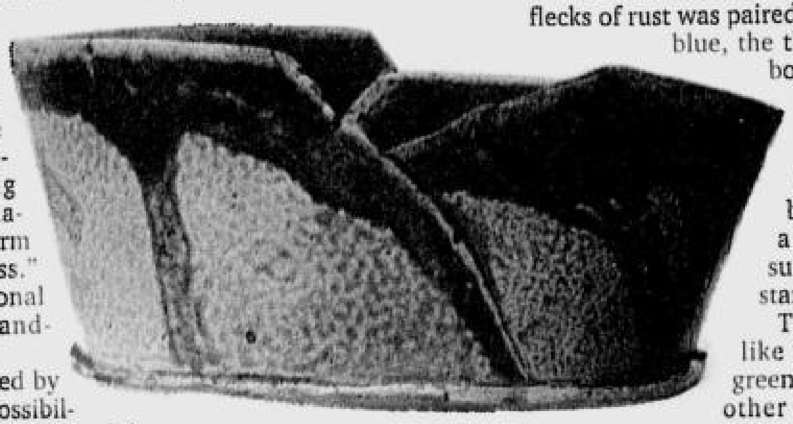
A slate-blue piece had a portion spattered with khaki. Another was brown and silver with a metallic sheen, its surface texturized with stamped markings.

Two vases were shaped like a chef's hat, one of green and brown while the other had a spattering of brown and drips of milky gray.

The glazing washes, splotches, drips, spatters, overlaps. This is characteristic of what potters call controlled accident, essential in the craft for creating beauty that's unique.

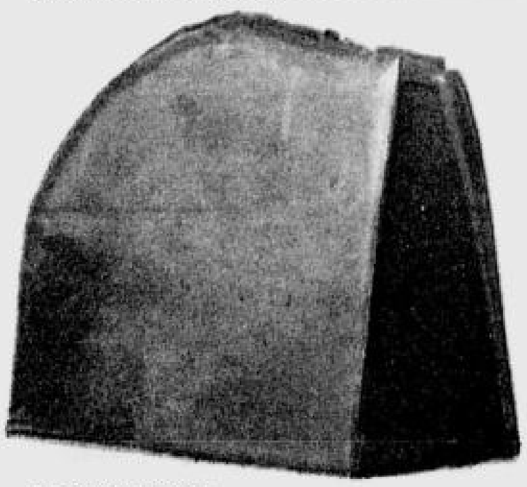
"Overlapping glazes create distinctive and unpredictable color effects that cannot be reproduced," says Yorac. "Each piece is a one-of-a-kind creation that is the result of the cooperative interaction of the potter and the material."

These hand-built pieces are distinctively sculptural in shapes. Indeed, here's a point where pottery becomes interchangeable with sculpture.


CONTROLLED accident

HIGHLIGHT on surface texture

LIKE landscape impression


LOVELY-HUED

FLECKS of rust

Unique handicraft project

THE LIVELIHOOD Corp. (Livecor) has a new joint-venture project on community enterprise support and development.

In partnership with Global Design and Alternative Trading Inc. and funded by Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr.'s Venture Capital Fund for Livelihood, the project engages in the manufacture and export of handcrafted products that are environment-friendly and pleasing to foreign buyers.

According to Livecor administrator Bernardo "Jojo" Mitra, the partnership supports community enterprise development by bridging the gap between the buyer and the local producer. This is being done by translating and transforming locally sourced semi-finished products into multifunctional ones that match the requirements and demands of the global market.

The project's partner-representative is Elvie Garcia, a recipient of the Golden Shell Award in 1989 given by the Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions.

Having discovered the vast potentials of natural materials like *pandan*, rattan, bamboo, *buri*, *pikog*, abaca, *babbak* and sea grass, Garcia uses these indigenous materials in handcrafting houseware and home décor, such as wrought iron furniture, baskets, planters, candle holders, and laundry hampers for export to the US, Japan and Europe.

Robinsons Handyman
Home Improvement Center

Car Care SALE
JULY 1-31

TURTLE WAX
Zip Wax Car Wash & Express Shine Liquid Car Wax
473.17 ml (16 oz)
P280.00 Combo Pack
Reg. Price: P399.75
Not available in Center Mall, Baguio

IN-CAR HANGER
P585.00
Reg. Price: P649.75
Not available in Allmall/Waltermart Makati & Dasmariñas/Robinsons Place Cebu

MY SHALDAN
Shaldan N Car Freshener
P60.00 each
Reg. Price: P62.75
• Shaldan R also on sale

CALTEX
Delo 500 (SAE 40)
Diesel Engine Oil
(4 liters)
P309.00
Reg. Price: P324.75

YSA SPORTS PEDAL
Pedal Pad (JM-857)
P281.00
Reg. Price: P329.75
• Other Pedal Pads also on sale

CALTEX
Havoline Energy
Motor Oil
(4 liters)
P912.00
Reg. Price: P960.00

AMBI PUR CAR
Car Perfume
P143.00
Reg. Price: P149.75
• Refill pack also on sale

SELLERY
Emergency Tow Rope
P220.00
Reg. Price: P275.00
Not available in Robinsons Place Iloilo

GLADE
Magic Gel
• Do-it-yourself air freshener
P27.00 each
Reg. Price: P30.00
• Available in different scents

POLYGLAZE
Wash and Wax
(1liter)
P180.00 each
Reg. Price: P199.75
• All Polyglaze also on sale

FORMULA 1
Carnauba Wash & Wax
473.17ml (16 oz)
P198.00 each
Reg. Price: P219.75
• 64 oz also on sale
Available only in Robinsons Galleria/Robinsons Place Novaliches and Iloilo

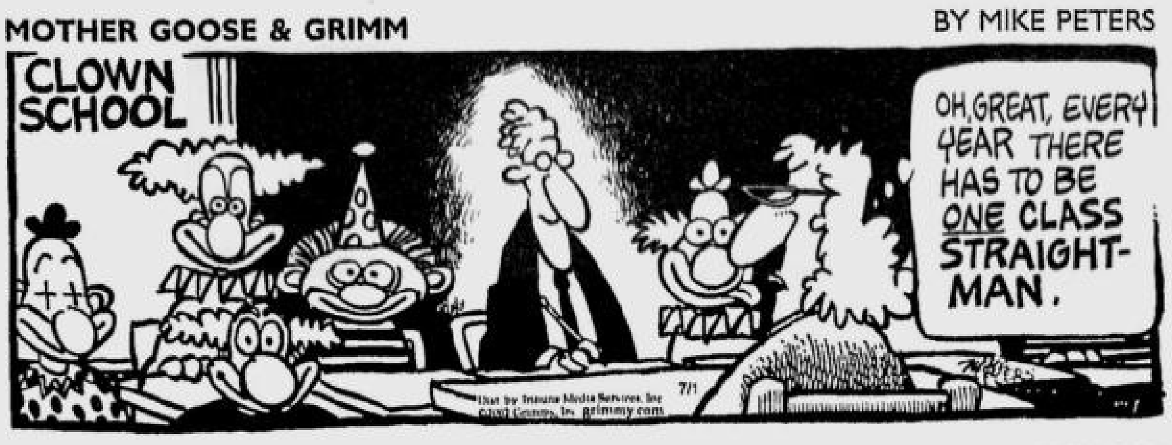
ACOUSTIFOAM KIT
Used as Thermo-Acoustic (Heat & Sound) insulation
Includes: 1m x 1.8m foam & 2 cans adhesive
P535.00
Reg. Price: P594.00
Available only in Robinsons Galleria/Robinsons Place Manila and Novaliches/Waltermart Dasmariñas, Sta. Rosa & Gen. Trias/ Riverbanks Center Marikina

Per DTI-NCR Permit No.1145 Series of 2002.

METRO MANILA : Robinsons Galleria • Robinsons Place Manila • Robinsons Place Novaliches • Waltermart Makati • Waltermart Violago • Allmall, Cubao • New Farmers Plaza, Cubao • Fairview Center Mall • Metropolis Star, Alabang • Riverbanks Center, Marikina • Starmall, Shaw
LUZON : Robinsons Place Imus • Robinsons Town Mall, Los Baños • Waltermart Calamba • Waltermart Carmona • Waltermart Dasmariñas • Waltermart General Trias • Waltermart Sta. Rosa • LCC Central Mall, Naga • LCC Complex, Legaspi • Center Mall, Baguio • Magic Star, Tarlac • Mega Center, The Mall, Cabanatuan
VISAYAS/MINDANAO : Robinsons Place Cebu • Robinsons Place Bacolod • Robinsons Place Iloilo • Marymart Center, Iloilo • Gaisano City, Roxas • Gaisano Mall, Davao • Limketkai Center, Cagayan de Oro

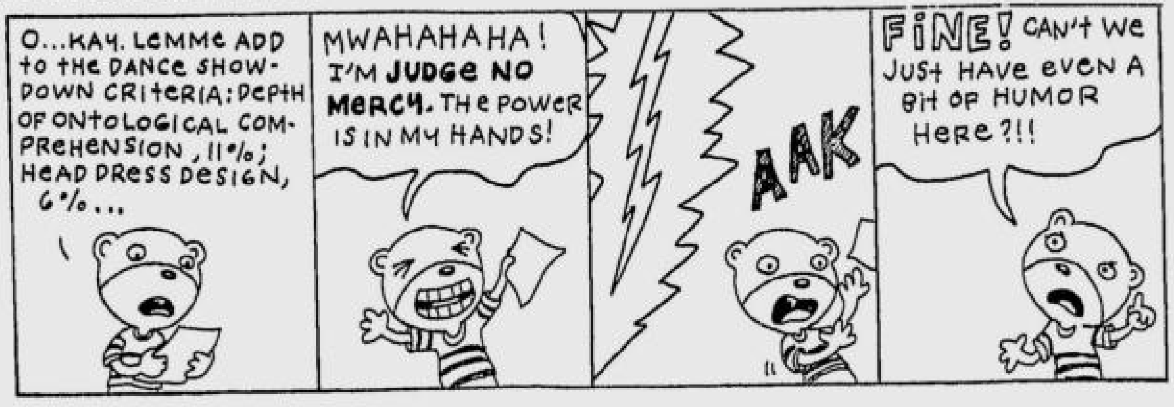
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS


CLOWN SCHOOL
OH, GREAT, EVERY YEAR THERE HAS TO BE ONE CLASS STRAIGHT-MAN.
Dist by Tribune Media Services, Inc ©2002 Grimmy, Inc. grimmy.com
7/1

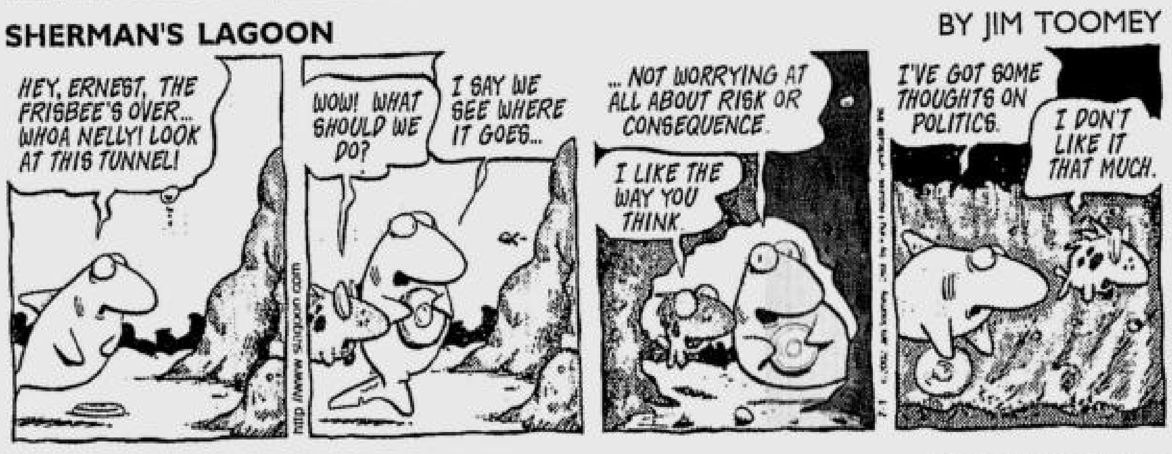
ATOMO AND WEBOY

BY LYRA GARCELLANO


O...KAY. LEMME ADD TO THE DANCE SHOW-DOWN CRITERIA: DEPTH OF ONTOLOGICAL COMPREHENSION, 11%; HEAD DRESS DESIGN, 6%...
MWAHAHAHA! I'M JUDGE NO MERCY. THE POWER IS IN MY HANDS!
AAK
FINE! CAN'T WE JUST HAVE EVEN A BIT OF HUMOR HERE?!!

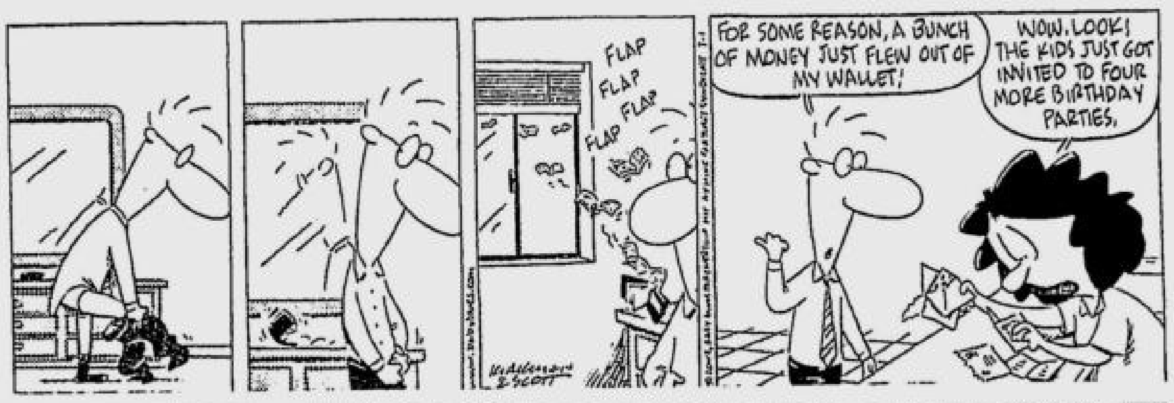
SHERMAN'S LAGOON

BY JIM TOOMEY


HEY, ERNEST, THE FRISBEE'S OVER... WHOA NELLY! LOOK AT THIS TUNNEL!
WOW! WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
I SAY WE SEE WHERE IT GOES...
...NOT WORRYING AT ALL ABOUT RISK OR CONSEQUENCE.
I LIKE THE WAY YOU THINK.
I'VE GOT SOME THOUGHTS ON POLITICS.
I DON'T LIKE IT THAT MUCH.
http://www.slagoon.com

BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


FLAP FLAP FLAP FLAP
FOR SOME REASON, A BUNCH OF MONEY JUST FLEW OUT OF MY WALLET!
WOW, LOOK! THE KIDS JUST GOT INVITED TO FOUR MORE BIRTHDAY PARTIES.
KIRKMAN & SCOTT

HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Dan Aykroyd, Leslie Caron, Carl Lewis, Jamie Farr

Happy Birthday: You will do whatever is necessary to bring unity and harmony to all partnerships. Greater interactions with other family members will result in a closer bond. You will have original ideas and that, coupled with your desire for personal freedom, will lead you into exciting social activities. Your numbers are 7, 13, 17, 22, 28, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): So much is going on behind the scenes that you couldn't possibly know exactly what's happening. Just do the best you can and be positive. Use your ingenuity to come up with new ideas.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take action and make changes that will make a difference to your future. If you improve your surroundings your attitude will become positive. Do as much of the work yourself as you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone you least expect may be trying to undermine you. Stay alert and be prepared to defend yourself. You'll have plenty of opportunities if you aren't afraid of change.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): This is the perfect day to plan a short jaunt with family or close friends. It will result in information, great buys and plenty of new ideas. You'll enjoy the comforts of home later in the day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Jump at the opportunity to get involved in a joint venture and you can make some excellent deals. Property and items that will grow in value should be what you're looking for. Update some of your personal papers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your involvement in something that you believe in will change your life. The contacts you make and the knowledge you gain will become the basis for what you do in the future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You must give your work your all. Be particularly careful when it comes to detail and you will surpass any competition that you face. This is a perfect day to look for a promotion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Perk up your looks and your wardrobe. Check out a new creative hobby. Use your imagination freely if you want to feel as if you are working to your highest potential.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your home will be a high traffic area today. You will acquire all sorts of information if you listen to what others have to say. Relaxation and good conversation are in order, but avoid getting into a debate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your contributions will be praised. Your ability to listen to others and act on what you feel is worthwhile will bring positive results. You are to meet someone who can make a difference to your life.

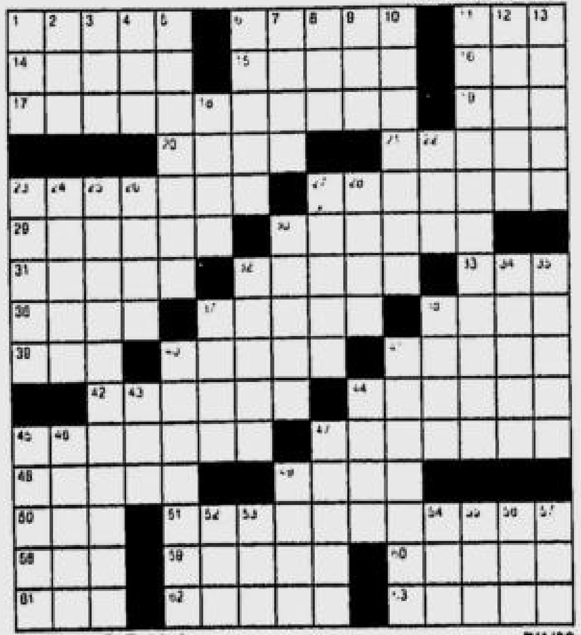
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will have difficulty putting your financial picture into perspective if you have allowed someone to cost you too much. It's time to budget more carefully and set boundaries with others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Pleasure trips will be entertaining and educational but if you can't manage to get away, browse through some travel magazines and do a little dreaming. Learn about other cultures and traditions.

Birthday Baby: You will be compassionate and understanding. Your unselfish manner will bring you popularity and respect throughout your life.

DAILY CROSSWORD

TMSPuzzles@aol.com



By Diane C. Baldwin
Columbia, MD

7/1/02

ACROSS
1 Come together
6 Surgical beam
11 PC key
14 Thin-shelled nut
15 Accustom
16 Barcelona bravo
17 All inclusive, nautically
19 Shoofly __
20 Trail grooves
21 Trencherman
23 Romantic liaisons
27 Zones or tracts
29 Payola
30 Really excellent
31 Buenos __
32 Ardent in the extreme
33 Galley blade
36 Examine
37 Orlando team
38 Caesar's penultimate words
39 Guess: abbr.
40 Number of Roman hills
41 Stage
42 Ragged piece of cloth
44 Colorful wrap
45 Searched high and low
47 Chromosome sets
48 Dot lead-in
49 Dune material
50 Last of a collection?
51 Queue order
58 Dog tags, e.g.
59 Hair-raising
60 Scalawag
61 __ on your life!
62 Elements in a procedure
63 Mimicry

DOWN
1 Raises, as stakes
2 Butterfly catcher
3 Cool down
4 Highland cap
5 Ways in
6 Itemizations
7 Formicary residents
8 Take to court
9 Make a blunder
10 Failed to keep a promise
11 Throughout
12 Green card holder
13 Sudsy orders
18 Something shared
22 Show on the tube
23 Die down
24 Fast-food order
25 Choice arrangement
26 Help with a holdup
27 Harp on
28 Larger-than-life
30 More astute
32 Spoke wildly
34 Make amends
35 Ladder features
37 Deal (out)
38 Continental currency
40 Aerial attacks
41 Mythical box-opener
43 Arctic sea bird
44 Transmitted
45 El Cid's land
46 Housing option
47 Bill of Microsoft
49 Small piece
52 Dampen hemp
53 Mining product
54 Art Tatum's jazz style
55 Become mellow
56 Mongrel
57 Bogart movie, "__ Largo"

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

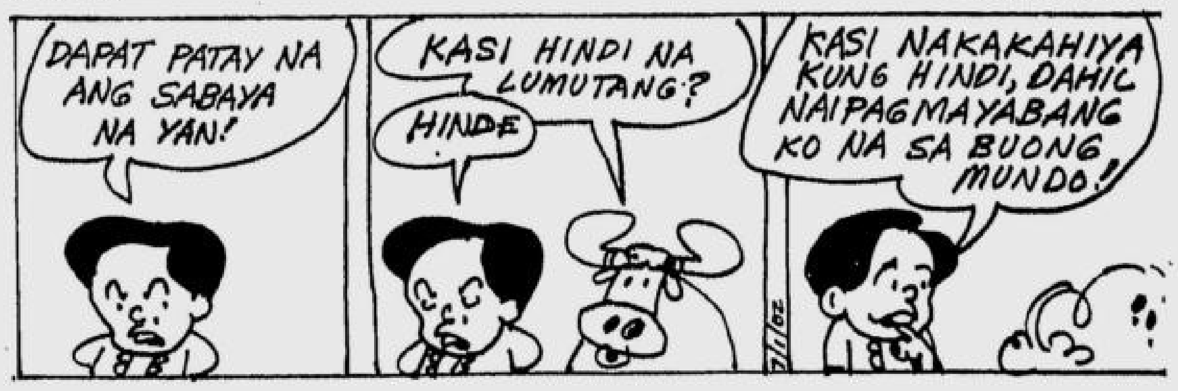
P	R	O	P	A	G	A	N	D	A	■	S	M	U	T
L	A	V	A	T	O	R	I	E	S	■	O	O	P	S
O	V	E	R	P	A	S	S	E	S	■	A	R	T	E
D	E	R	R	■	■	■	■	R	A	M	P	A	R	T
D	N	A	■	E	S	P	N	■	D	R	O	V	E	S
E	N	L	■	M	O	L	E	S	■	S	P	I	N	E
D	A	L	A	I	L	A	M	A	S	■	E	A	D	S
■	■	■	P	R	E	C	E	P	T	O	R	■	■	■
W	A	R	P	■	D	E	S	P	E	R	A	D	O	S
E	B	O	L	I	■	R	E	H	A	N	■	I	R	A
B	R	A	I	S	E	■	S	O	M	E	■	O	P	P
S	A	R	C	A	S	M	■	■	■	■	A	R	I	L
I	D	E	A	■	S	A	C	C	H	A	R	I	N	E
T	E	R	N	■	E	L	I	M	I	N	A	T	E	S
E	R	S	T	■	S	T	R	I	C	T	N	E	S	S

(C)2002 Tribune Media Services, Inc
All rights reserved

7/1/02

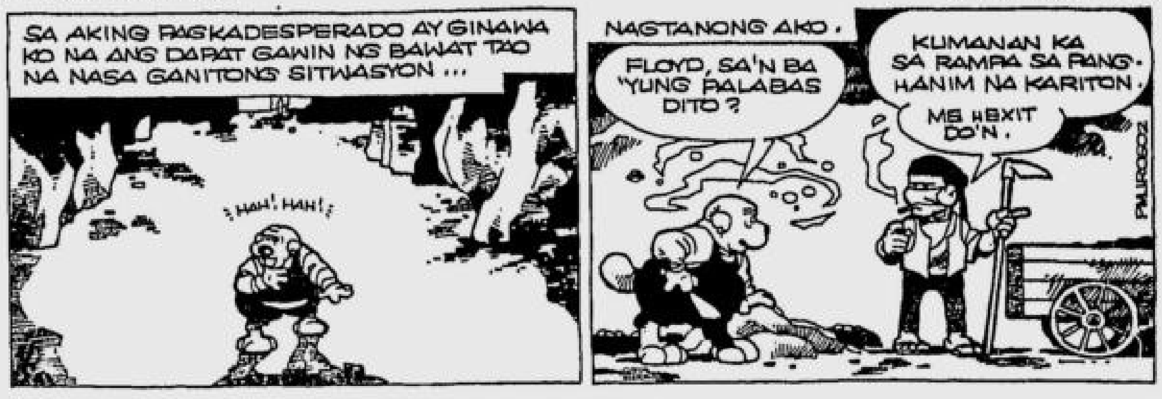
A. LIPIN

BY JESS ABRERA


DAPAT PATAY NA ANG SABAYA NA YAN!
KASI HINDI NA LUMUTANG?
HINDE
KASI NAKAKAHIYA KUNG HINDI, DAHIL NAIPAGMAYABANG KO NA SA BUONG MUNDO!
7/1/02

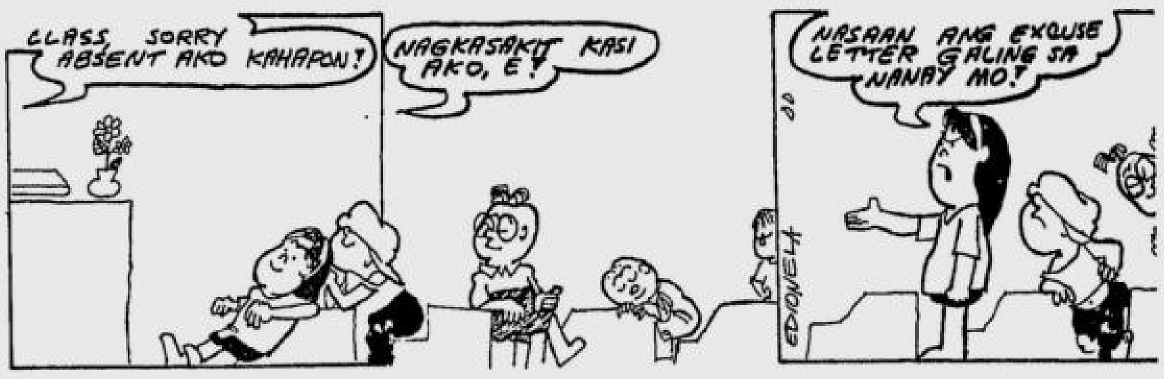
PUGAD BABOY

BY P.M. JUNIOR


SA AKING PAGKADESPERADO AY GINAWA KO NA ANG DAPAT GAWIN NG BAWAT TAO NA NASA GANITONG SITWASYON ...
HAH! HAH!
NAGTANONG AKO.
FLOYD, SA'N BA 'YUNG PALABAS DITO?
KUMANAN KA SA RAMPA SA PANGHANIM NA KARITON.
MS HEXIT DO'N.
PMJR

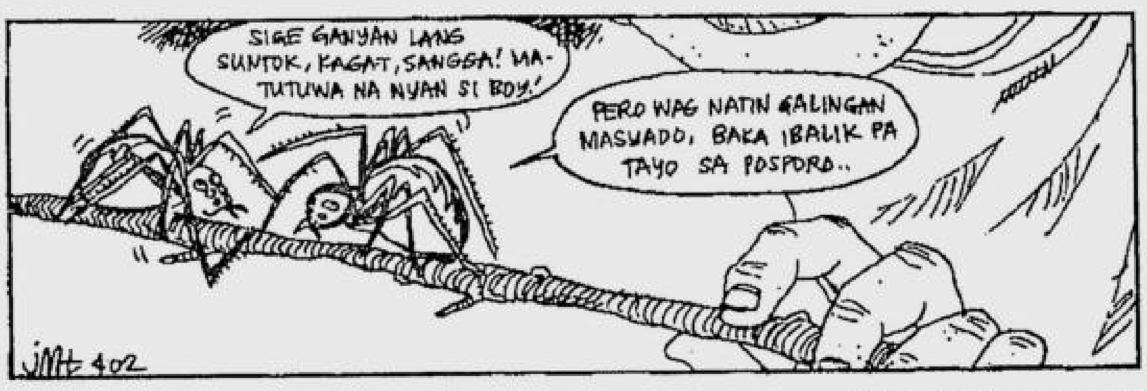
SIMO

BY EDGAR DIONELA


CLASS, SORRY ABSENT AKO KAHAPON!
NAGKASAKIT KASI AKO, E!
NASAAN ANG EXCUSE LETTER GALING SA NANAY MO?
EDIONELA

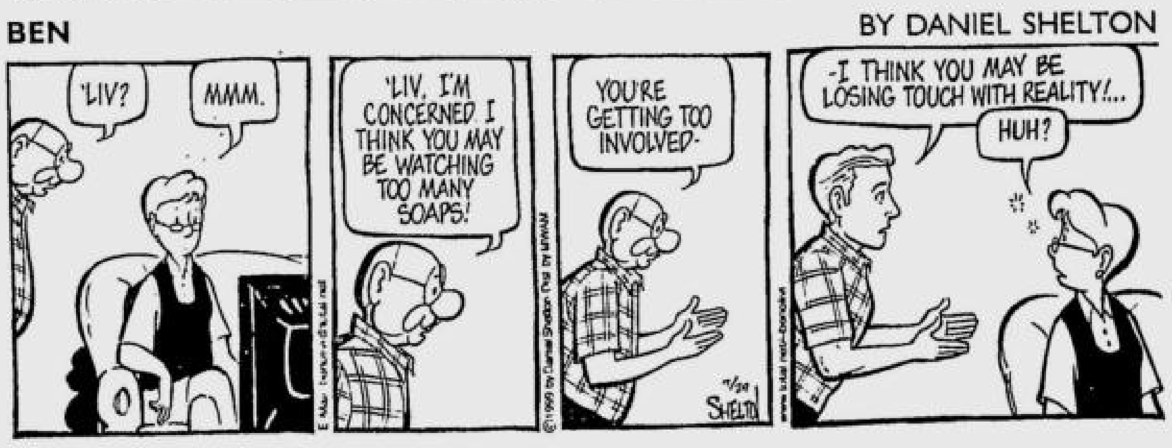
MIKROKOSMOS

BY JOMIKE TEJIDO


SIGE GANYAN LANG SUNTOK, KAGAT, SANGGA! MATUTUWA NA NYAN SI BOY!
PERO WAG NATIN GALINGAN MASYADO, BAKA IBALIK PA TAYO SA POSPORO..
JMT 402

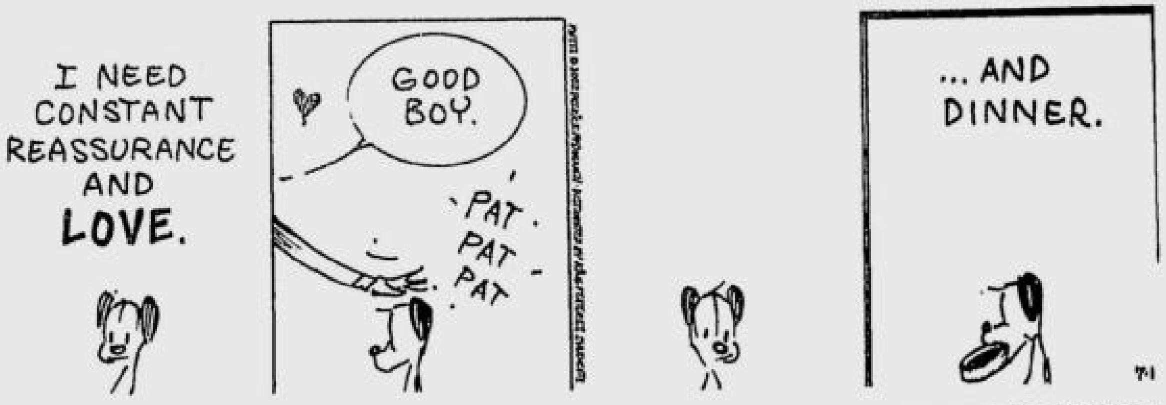
BEN

BY DANIEL SHELTON


'LIV?
MMM.
'LIV, I'M CONCERNED. I THINK YOU MAY BE WATCHING TOO MANY SOAPS!
YOU'RE GETTING TOO INVOLVED-
-I THINK YOU MAY BE LOSING TOUCH WITH REALITY!...
HUH?
SHELTON

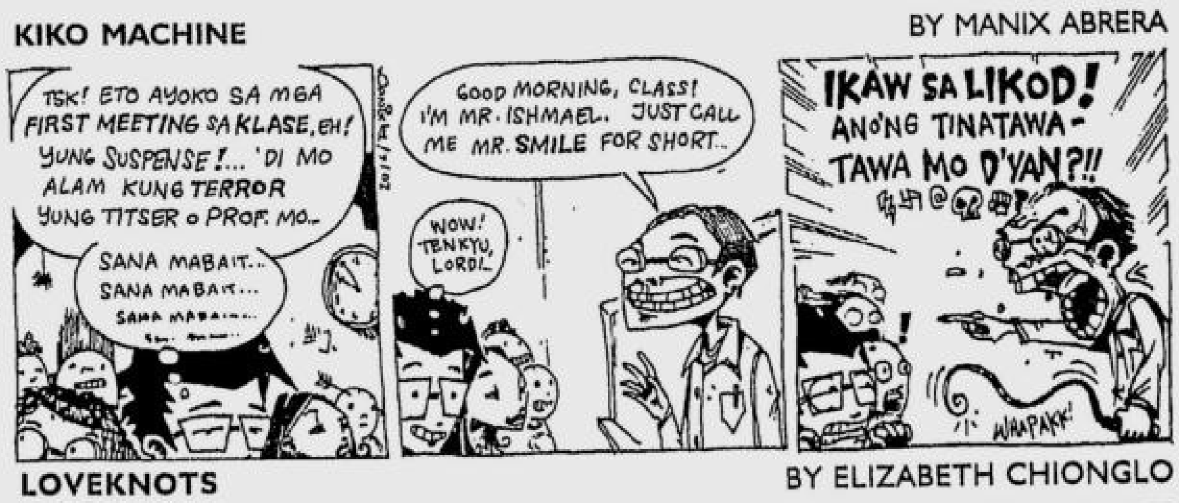
MUTTS

BY PATRICK McDONNELL


I NEED CONSTANT REASSURANCE AND LOVE.
GOOD BOY.
PAT PAT PAT
... AND DINNER.
7-1

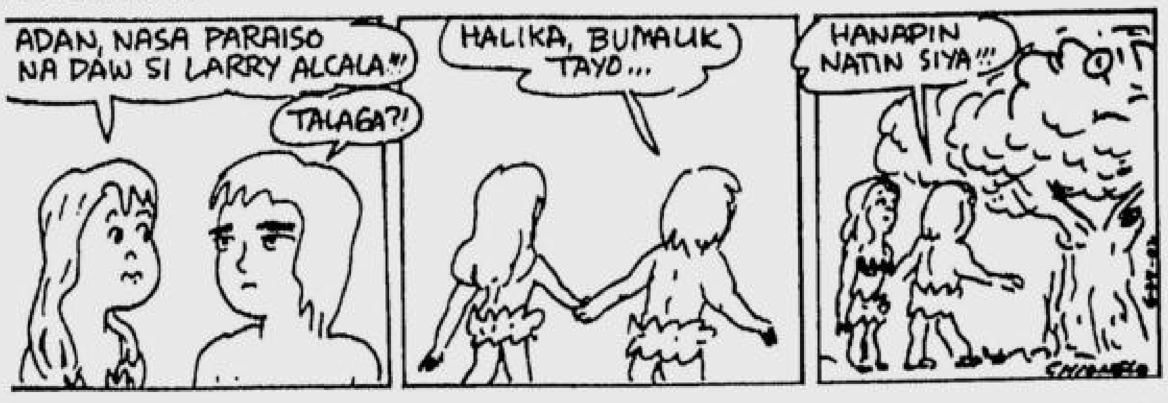
KIKO MACHINE

BY MANIX ABRERA


TSK! ETO AYOKO SA MGA FIRST MEETING SA KLASE, EH! YUNG SUSPENSE!... 'DI MO ALAM KUNG TERROR YUNG TITSER O PROF. MO..
SANA MABAIT.. SANA MABAIT... SANA MABAIT...
GOOD MORNING, CLASS! I'M MR. ISHMAEL. JUST CALL ME MR. SMILE FOR SHORT..
WOW! TENKYU, LORD!
IKAW SA LIKOD! ANO'NG TINATAWA-TAWA MO D'YAN?!!
WAAPAKK!

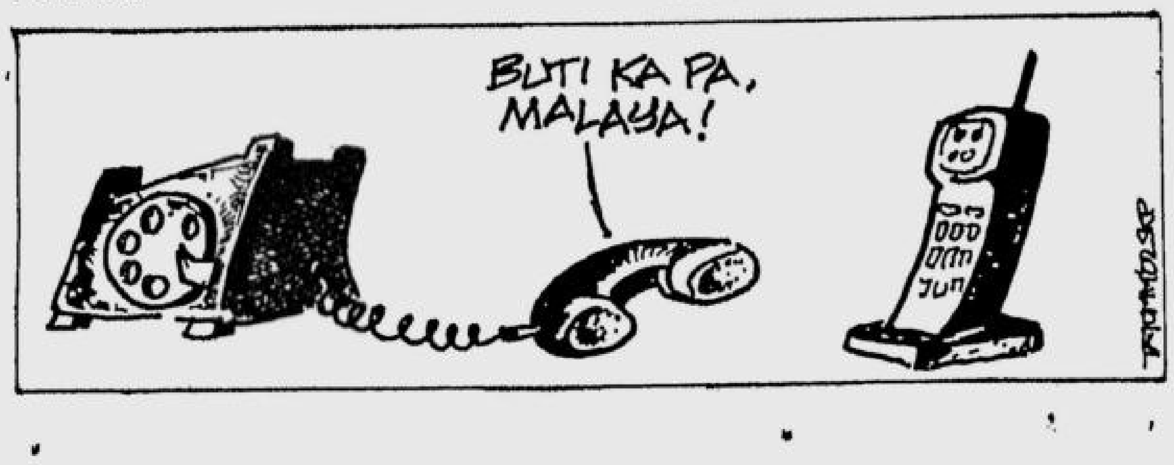
LOVEKNOTS

BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


ADAN, NASA PARAISO NA DAW SI LARRY ALCALA!!
TALAGA?!
HALIKA, BUMALIK TAYO...
HANAPIN NATIN SIYA!!!
CHIONGLO

TULDOK

BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING


BUTI KA PA, MALAYA!

A play writes itself

ILLUSTRATION: STEPH BRAVO

The Dexter Balala hostage incident has dramatic possibilities

THE AUTHOR will star in David Hare's "Via Dolorosa" at RCBC Plaza on July 5.

By Bart Guingona
Contributor

AFTER THE INITIAL horror of it all, I thought, "Wow! Who needs theater on a stage when it can happen before our very eyes!" It may sound insensitive of me, but I have to admit that I kept thinking secretly that the Pasay City hostage crisis that gripped the nation on live television had all the elements of a gripping drama. It had the poignancy and emotional tug of social realist theater, the sardonic morbidity of black comedy, moments of high tragedy; it was tinged with farce, and most certainly could have been played as theater of the absurd.

OF STAGE

Lest you think I'm trivializing what was a tragic event, I feel its aftermath is an opportunity for collective introspection. Unless someone organizes and systematizes the sorry and sordid events, they will remain senseless, too, in addition to being sorry and sordid. That's really why artists are necessary. Because the artist's job is to sift through the raw data of events, make sense of what had happened and try to organize realities into integral truths about the workings of the human soul. A good work of art should make us a little wiser and maybe entertain us in the process. Remember how we had to glean "moral lessons" at the end of the fairy tales that we were told as children? Think of the artistic process as a more sophisticated way of attaching "moral lessons" to events that will otherwise have remained nothing but senseless ugliness. When truth is unearthed from the rubble of an event, (no matter how smelly and repulsive the rubble) the event transcends itself and becomes sublime and therefore beautiful.

My restless mind kept wondering what all *that* senselessness was about. I was naturally deeply affected and disturbed by what had happened. It made me by turns angry, disgusted, frightened, deeply saddened and ponderous for days. Beyond the cheap temptation to editorialize about the obvious: the appalling crime rate, the sorry state of the police, the annoying interference of the self-important media, I wanted to know what the whole affair said about us as a culture, as a community, as a people, and by association and affinity, what it said about me.

Meaning

Being innately optimistic about humanity as I believe all artists have to be, I kept trying to find in it a meaning, a cause for hope, for understanding or at least for sense. Evil is not so rootless that its origins can't be ferreted out or obliterated. The little boy's death should mean something.

Having just come from facilitating an acting workshop, I then saw my own introspection as an illustration of the creative process at work. It made me realize that the event created a breeding ground for creative ingenuity, in other words, for *inspiration*. And pedantic as I am (my friends rib me constantly about it), I saw the whole thing as an opportunity to illustrate the journey from inspiration to conception, which is really what art is all about.

Inspired by the hostage-taking incident, an artist, in our case a playwright, would first examine himself (most of the times subconsciously) and wonder about his initial response to the whole affair. He might have laughed at the absurdity of it all. He might have cried at its tragic dimensions. He might even have sneered cynically at the sheer stupidity of the parties involved with the botched rescue attempt. In the end, this response, his own unique take on the events (unique to him given his unique background), will determine how he decides to tell the story.

Now comes the hard part: choice. If a playwright was moved by indignation at the injustices that made the tragedy possible, he might write a social realist play focusing on the hardships of the mother and child, the economic and moral difficulties of the hostage taker, the ignorance of the police and commodification of the media, all pointing to a socio-economic system that is a breeding ground for despair. One of the policemen might have harbored a grudge, a chip on the shoulder that colored his behavior; the media man might be filled with hubris, filled with self-importance. The plot would weave the different perspectives together by replaying certain incidents over and over from the viewpoints of various individuals except for the child, who would end up being a Christ symbol, a sacrificial lamb on the altar of our urban folly.

If, on the other hand, the playwright decided to treat the story as a melodrama, he might tell his story from the perspective of the hostage taker, focusing on the jealousy of his common-law wife who, because she could not live with his daughter from a previous marriage, had her sent away to a far-flung province to live with an uncle, brother to the hostage-taker's previous wife (it already sounds like a TV soap!). The hostage taker learns that the uncle has taken advantage of his daughter's innocence to sexually molest her. The hero (anti-hero) decides to fetch her against the wishes of his common-law wife who threatens to leave him, etc. The playwright would make sure there would be copious tears shed and a lot of room for histrionic behavior, all designed to elicit as much pathos as possible.

Farce

Now, if the play were a farce, the focus might be on the three bumbling policemen. There would be misunderstandings, wild coincidences. The playwright would early on introduce a gun that jams and later have it go off at the wrong time. There would be a lot of running in and out as one policeman who isn't very bright constantly misunderstands the sergeant's orders. As he panics trying to get things right, things go from bad to worse. Another policeman might be dealing with new contact lenses and finds himself in everyone's way. The victims would be faceless, nameless, perhaps even just offstage sounds. In the end, despite the big mess, all the policemen somehow end up being promoted. Oops! The play has suddenly turned from farce into a black comedy!

Or the playwright might decide to treat the whole story as high tragedy, focusing on the media man who, because of his hubris, causes the unstoppable chain of tragic events. He is killed in the end because his self-importance and myopia cause him to miscalculate and misunderstand the various players and events. Only as he lies dying does he finally understand that what is important has nothing to do with himself. It is a lesson tragically learned too late.

Each one of these approaches is a valid way to systematize a reality into a universal truth. If, however, a playwright sees the opportunity to cash in on the talk-of-the-town cache of the event and pepper his play with gratuitous violence and sex in order to sell more tickets, if it does not touch him on an emotional level so that he feels an aching need to express his personal response, or truth, to the experience then he cannot create art from it. Ironically, although the event will have inspired his entrepreneurial spirit, he will nevertheless be creating pornography. In short, if we don't learn from the affair, the lives lost will have been as I've said before, simply meaningless and the whole affair, sordid and unspeakably sad.

On a tangent

I'm thinking about all this even as I prepare for the next leg of my journey as an artist. I am pretty much obsessed with playwrights and choices these days because as a fund-raiser for my constantly cash-strapped company, I have decided to embark on a peculiarly difficult project.

On a tangent, let me propose that artists are driven by two needs: the need to say something in order to make a difference, and the need to satisfy an appetite for adventure by constantly exploring uncharted seas of artistic expression: in other words, the need to express insights and the need to find new ways to say them. I, for one, have come to a point in my career as an artist where I am no longer satisfied with what society, economics and fashion dictates is possible for me to do artistically. Although I respect the work of my colleagues, works that have found their "niche markets," I nevertheless feel an ache to redefine the landscape of theater in the country, to do what others have not done, something that straddles the thin line between bravery and insanity. I have a restless soul that longs to break the glass ceiling that separates me from the sky. I need to move on, tackle new issues, undertake fresh journeys.

I have found a kindred spirit in David Hare, the eminent playwright of acclaimed plays such as "Plenty," and "The Blue Room." In 1998, fresh from a triumphant staging of his "Amy's View" with Dame Judi Dench, the playwright makes an artistic leap of faith at 50 by writing a monologue about an eye-opening trip to Israel. As he narrates the encounters on his trip, personal conversations that are at once amusing and vivid, we slowly realize that what we are hearing are the voices of at least 33 people, and a world is opening up for us to embrace: viewpoints, arguments, biases and shades of understanding that not only humanize the headlines but make us wonder about where our own faith lies in its place of origin. What a challenge! I thought. By performing his monologue, I get to do one over him by adding *his* voice to the other 33! And at the same time, for one night only, the project gives me the opportunity to raise funds for my very independent company Actor's Actors Inc. (we are so independent, each one of us was multitasking even before the Pentium chip was invented!).

Why do a play about Ramallah and the Gaza Strip, you might wonder? Why not about bumbling Pasay City cops? My response: why not both?

At interviews I am always asked about my "dream" project, I always answer, "I'm not sure, but I would like it to be something I don't fully understand because at the end of the thing, I would love to have gained a new viewpoint, a new perspective, a greater understanding." And now, studying Hare's wonderful piece, I feel personally involved with the Arab-Israeli conflict, something that hitherto whizzed past my head on CNN's "Headline News."

I ask (and am not above begging) for you to undertake my journey with me. At 8 p.m. on July 5 at the RCBC Plaza on Ayala Avenue, I invite you to see and listen to David Hare's "Via Dolorosa" via me. Call 536-5944 or e-mail me at actorsactorsinc@broline.com for information.

Jollibee
DailySpecials
Monday
Spaghetti Special
with 3-pc Shanghai Rolls
P39
Before
~~P49~~
Not for JED or bulk orders.
Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 2204 Series of 2002
Langhap-Sarap sa Jollibee
bee happy

HCG
BATHROOM FIXTURES

Cool Spa Gifts
For every Php 5,000 single purchase.

Hurry! Promo starts on June 1, 2002 until July 31, 2002 only.

PROMO MECHANICS
- Receive an exclusive HCG SPA set* for every Php 5,000 (single purchase) worth of HCG Bathroom fixtures/accessories you make.
- Each spa gift contains soap and cream bath or bath essence.
- Any retail customer of HCG Bathroom fixtures can avail of the promo.

Metro Manila Ace Hardware, Inc. 734-0486 • Belvedere Ent., Inc. 820-8044 to 47 • Ceramic Plaza, Inc. 893-1684/1683/1676/1690 • Filhome Builders Center 776-1061 to 63 • Galaxy Cement Center 936-3452 • Handyman Inc. 416-7097 to 98 • Harcraft 733-7419 to 21 • Hardware Workshop 734-0478 • GB Go Bros., Inc 522-2165/3090/3092 • Hocheng Industrial & Builder's Center 733-1860/735-9641 • Janice Enterprises 682-3600/240-4646 • Makro Philippines, Inc 842-6771 • Maxlite Merchandising 824-2043 • MC Home Depot 893-3070/634-2395 • Megacom Constn. & Electrical Supply 951-6087 • MGS International Trading, Inc. 673-1793 • Milan Tile Center 930-3478 • Milwaukee Builder's Center 842-9603/776-1602 to 05 • Multi-Point Resources Inc 364-1219 • Murphy Hardware & Construction Supply, Inc 727-1665 • New Hi-Alonso Builders Supply 733-0983 • NFT Gen. Mdse. 916-6984 to 85 • Open Option Trading Corp. 742-2081/83 • Origas Hardware Center, Inc 631-4069 • Pedros Construction Supply 733-7344 • RF Home Improvement Centre 806-3383/660-7616 • Sogo Builders Supply 874-6381 • Trade Option Pacific, Inc 661-7902 • Tradewell Builders 456-6187 to 61 • TQG Hardware 292-2865 • Unisia Merchandising Co., Inc 833-6646 • United Distributing Corporation 816-7093 • Wilcon Builders Supply, Inc 921-3342 • William's Plumbing & Hardware 733-3203 • Wilson Home Depot, Inc 840-0284 to 86 • North Luzon Archway (047) 223-6482/224-0289 • Dataan Commercial Enterprises (047) 244-6016 • CJF Home Builders Supply (075) 836-2371 • CSI Hardware Plus (075) 523-6429 • DCW General Merchandising (047) 224-1660 • Filco Merchandising (078) 522-2404 • Hilcrea Builders Center (045) 322-1367 to 68 • Jude Co Builders & Construction Supply (075) 868-2877 • Jurolena Builders (075) 522-0215 • LC Construction Supply, Inc (047) 431-2001 • Noble Workers Enterprises (045) 860-6860 • PFC Builders Center Corp (078) 615-3210/615-2276 • PFCO Builders Center (075) 661-4014 • Philippine Topwood Industries (072) 242-0471/888-2007 • T&T Home Improvement Center (044) 463-7430 • South Luzon Centerpoint Builders Supply (049) 808-2851 • Dasma Citywide General Merchandising, Inc. (046) 416-2524 • Dotnis Home Improvement Center (046) 806-3744 • E. Garcia Construction Corporation (064) 473-2000 • Empyrean Homebuilders & Marketing Corporation (046) 434-7002 • Guanplil Builders, Inc (046) 840-2306 • Homebase Builders Center Corporation (046) 970-5070 • JMT Marketing Group (043) 300-1056 • New Legaspi Ent., Inc (082) 480-0299 • New Man Enterprises Corp (046) 419-1667 to 68 • St. Peter Hardware (042) 373-3700 • Tiles & Tiomates Builders Center (046) 436-1020 • Viva Tile Center (054) 473-0081 • Visayas AM Trading Corporation (033) 337-4206/1630 • Cebu Atlantic Hardware, Inc (032) 261-4092 • Cebuano Construction Supply (032) 346-2700 • Cebu Oversea Hardware (032) 254-1611 to 19 • Cocina y Baño (032) 266-4266 to 68 • Dy Home Builders, Inc (034) 433-0696 • G Centillo Trading (036) 621-3726 • Multi L&A Enterprises, Inc (033) 336-0966 • MoostBrand Inc (033) 336-9224 • New Cosmos Hardware (053) 325-6165/321-6777 • Pacific Home Depot (034) 435-0861 • Rejoice Home Ideas (035) 225-4666/6363 • Mindanao Dadiangas Buildex Center (083) 553-3006/301-0621 • De Oro Pacific Trading Corporation (088) 856-1667 to 69 • Deccarts Marketing, Inc (082) 297-2023/296-0747/297-1667 • Citihardware (082) 227-6642 • DIMDI Builders Supply (082) 221-3311 to 14 • MM Marble Construction Supply (082) 221-1749 to 51 • Pacific Buildex Centrum (082) 272-1290

*Spa sets are available in 6 varieties.

Per DTI-NCR Permit Number 0071, series of 2002.

UST Singers sweeps Europe choral contest

ONCE again, the powerful voices of the world-renowned University of Santo Tomas (UST) Singers rose to an exciting crescendo as the chorus won all five of the major choral categories in the 30th International Choral Competition in Olomouc, the Czech Republic recently.

The competition is said to be the biggest and most prestigious choral competition in Eastern Europe.

The Thomasian chorale under its director, Fidel Calalang, bested over 196 participating choirs with scores of 100 percent in all but one category, where they notched a score of 99 percent.

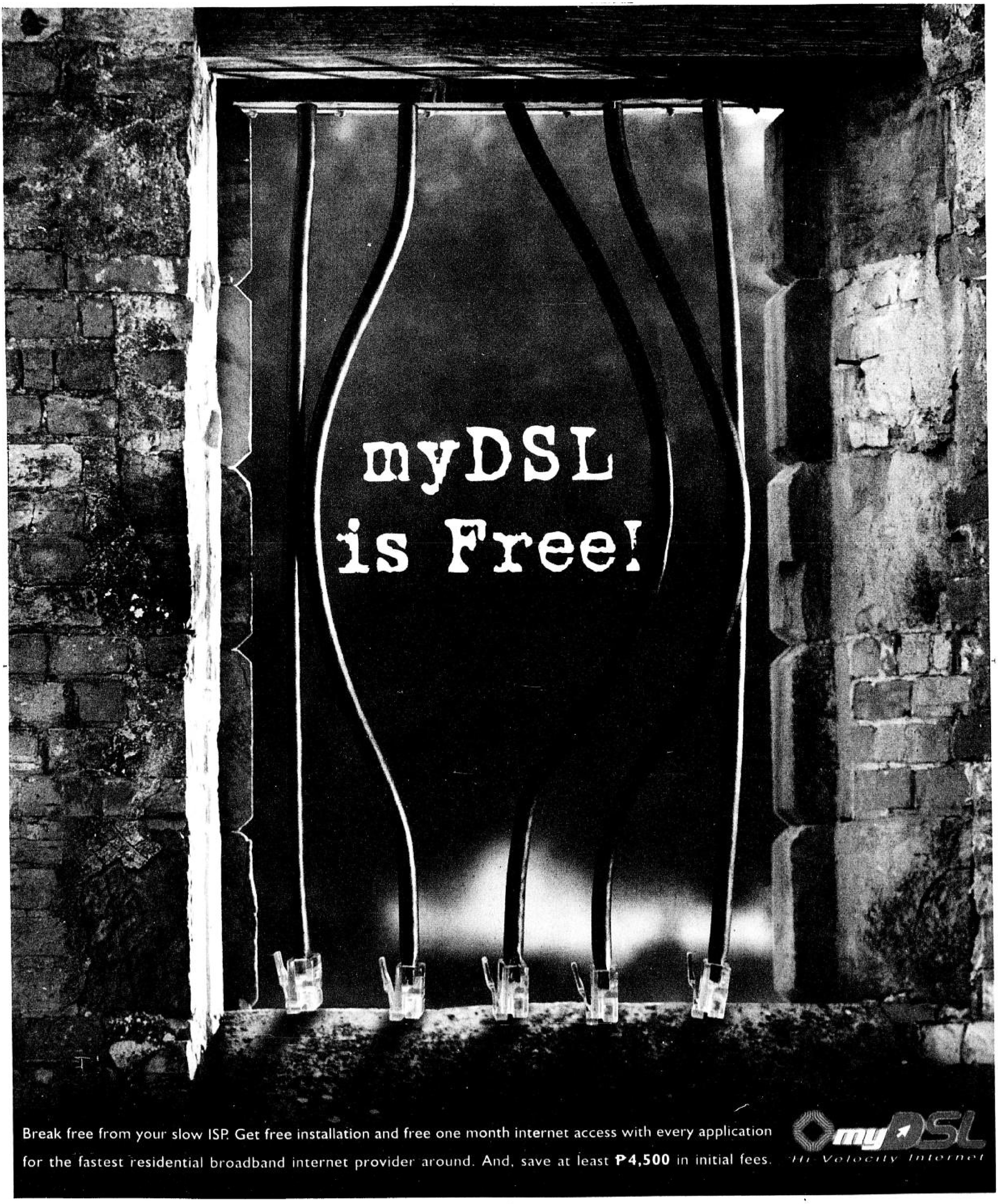
Writing to the Varsitarian, the UST school paper, via electronic mail, the UST Singers offered their most recent success to Filipinos. "We have poured our best and all our efforts just to uplift the image of our country, regain the respect we deserve from people here in the West...and to prove that Thomasians and Filipinos...are really competent and world-class," they wrote.

Last year, the UST Singers was chosen Best Choir among choral groups from 12 countries in the 2001 World Choral Festival in Puebla, Mexico.

The choir is currently in Austria, one of the legs of its eight-month world tour that started two months ago. It is set to join four more competitions in Europe.

CHORAL director Fidel Calalang (left) leads the UST Singers to another victory.

THE UNIVERSITY of the Philippines Singing Ambassadors will enplane to Europe this month for several competitions and concerts. It will take part in the European Grand Prix Choral Competition, where the grand prize winners in six major choral contests in the continent participate. The UP Singing Ambassadors will represent Arrezo.



Break free from your slow ISP. Get free installation and free one month internet access with every application for the fastest residential broadband internet provider around. And, save at least **₱4,500** in initial fees.

MECHANICS:

- **This offer is open to all PLDT postpaid landline subscribers who apply for PLDT myDSL in DSL covered areas. They must be in good credit standing.**
- **If their telephone line is DSL capable, they will receive free installation plus one-month free subscription.**
- **Subscriptions must cover at least a one-year period. In the event that a subscriber terminates the connection, he will be charged ₱3,000.00 to cover all installation fees.**

Promo period is from June 1 to August 31, 2002. • Per DTI NCR Permit No. 1021. Series of 2002.

Call 171 or visit www.pldtdsl.com for more information on how to apply for PLDT myDSL. Available in Metro Manila and key cities nationwide.

For feedback, text us at (0918)917-5026 or email us at lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph

LIFESTYLE

Books

E1

Texas DELIVERS
pls. call
75 TEXAS
(758-3927)

Rainy day readings

You may read 'Umbrella Country' by Fil-Am Bino Realuyo to relive the flooded days of your Sampaloc childhood or St. John of the Cross' 'Dark Night of the Soul' to get you through the dark, browned-out nights of the season of storms

By Dahl D. Bennett
Contributor

THE RAINY season means a tortuous journey through months of heavy traffic, dealing with infuriating taxi drivers and perennial floods. What better way to keep sane through this wet season than to stay home and curl up in bed with a good book in hand? Here, choose from these celebrities' recommended reads.

Lea Salonga
Tony Award-winning actress

I would recommend feel-good books that require light reading to balance the gloom of the rainy season like "The Bridges of Madison Country" by Robert James Waller, "Harry Potter" by J.K. Rowling and "Lord of the Rings" by J.R.R. Tolkien.

LEA Salonga

Boy Abunda
Host, "The Buzz" and "Private Conversations"

I have a very eclectic taste and I usually read three to four books all at the same time. Right now, I am rereading Maya Angelou's "A Song Flung Up to Heaven." It's a very light autobiographical story about her sojourn from Ghana, Africa, to America during the assassinations of Malcolm X and Martin Luther King. Angelou is very poetic and her stories hit you at the gut level because she writes and talks from the heart. Her stories reflect the truth and make me realize how limited I am. I am also rereading "One Hundred Years of Solitude" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Lee Kuan Yew's "From Third to First," where he devotes a very enlightening chapter on the Philippines written from the point of view of a Singaporean. You can't help but react strongly to his book.

RAINY/ p.E3

Life Doesn't Come With Guarantees, But WCT has 3 of them!
Guarantee: Education par excellence with 35 years of leadership and excellence.
Guarantee: Qualitative & Personalized results based on international standards.
Guarantee: Dramatic change in your speech and personality.
Special Offer: Enroll 2 - Pay 1
• Speech Dynamics: Master Oral Skills
• Practical Grammar & Conversations : Fluency and Mastery of the English Language
• Public Speaking • Glamour Ride
• Verbal Advantage: Complete Package
• Survival English: or Basic English
Scheds: Wed 6-8PM; Sat 9-1PM or 1-5PM; SUN 9-12NN
WCT Kiddie Academy
(From 3 to 15 years old)
(With 7 Areas of Concentration: Speech, Theater Arts, Grammar, English Fluency, Reading & Comprehension, Character Bldg. & Personality Development)
Saturdays 9-12 NN or 1-4 PM
Corporate Training & Private Tutoring are available
WCT Wilma Cruz-Tapalla
ACADEME OF SPEECH AND PERSONALITY
LEGARDA, SAMPALOC
2600 Rizal Hall, Arellano University
736-7656
736-7657
736-7644
SINCE 1967
Providence Bldg.
55 Annapolis, Greenhills
687-7139
687-7149

WHAT'S ON AT ROBINSONS

ROCKSTAR 3
AND
LEGIT MISFITZ
LIVE!
Get ready for a rockin' great time courtesy of Galaxy Records and Universal Records.
July 7, Sunday, 4PM
Fountain Area
Robinsons Place Imus
July 14, Sunday, 4PM
Fountain Area
Robinsons Galleria
ROBINSONS Malls
visit us at www.robinsonsland.com

Sylvia Cancio
Cooking, Baking and Decorating Classes
2240 Pasong Tamo, Makati City (behind Cancio Building/PSID) • Tel. Nos. 893-7537, 810-7196
JULY COOKING SCHEDULE
July 5, Friday, 2 – 5 pm THAI COOKING 3 Pandan Chicken, Thai Chicken Curry, Beef Curry, Khanom Chine, Papaya Salad, Green Mango Salad, Pineapple Rice, Poh Piah (Thai Springrolls) P 1,200
July 6, Saturday, 9 am – 1 pm BASIC BAKING 1 - A HANDS ON experience for students to learn the basics of baking from the proper way of measuring ingredients to the presentation of the finished product! Chiffon Cake: Coffee Crunch Cake, Sponge Cake: Strawberry and White Chocolate Trifle, Rich Butter Cake, Pie Crust: American Apple Pie P 1,200
July 6, Saturday, 2:30 – 5:30 pm Saturday Cooking Club, BASIC SAUCES WITH CHEF MAURO ARJONA A very important course! Learn the sauces that form the basis of classical cuisine; Hollandaise, Bernaise, Bordelaise, Chasseur, Demi Glace, Mushroom, Fish Veloute, Chive Sauce plus many more as they are applied to meats, chicken and seafoods P 1,500
July 11, Thursday, 9 am – 12:30 pm BROWNIES GALORE Chocolate Cheesecake Brownies, Cappuccino Brownies, Kahlua Brownies, Chocolate Fudge Brownies, White Chocolate Pecan Brownies P 1200
July 11, Thursday, 2 – 5 pm BAKING 3 Toblerone Cake, Cream Puff, Eclairs, Profiteroles, Chocolate Mousse, Creamy Croissant and Apple Pudding, Empandas con Camote y Pina P 1,200
July 12, Friday, 9 – 12 nn PASTAS AND MORE Homemade Pasta, Basic Tomato Sauce, Linguini Carbonara, Spaghetti Putanesca, Lasagne, Seafood Pasta, Penne a la Vodka P 1,200
July 12, Friday, 2 – 5 pm BAKING 4 Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting, Lemon Meringue Pie, Rum Pound Cake, Tiramisu, Baklava P 1,200
July 13, Saturday, 9 am – 1 pm BASIC BAKING 2 Baking with Frostings and Icings Brownie Cake with Chocolate Sour Cream Frosting, Apple Walnut Cake with Creamy Caramel Frosting, Chocolate Decadent Cake with Chocolate Fudge Icing and Caramel Sauce, Maple Walnut Cake with Fluffy White Frosting P 1,200
July 13, Saturday, 2:30 – 5:30 pm Saturday Cooking Club, SOUFFLES by Mauro Arjona Learn 8 different kinds of Souffles from sweet to savory; Not to be missed! Sweet Souffle Base: Vanilla Sauce, Chocolate Sauce, Praline, Banana, Mango, Orange Grand Marnier. Savory Souffle Base: Sauteed Mushroom, Spinach, Salmon, Prawn, Bacon Cheese Chives - P 1,500
July 18, Thursday, 9 –1 2 nn BAKESHOP FAVOURITES Lenguas de Gato, Soft Mamon, Maple-Pecan Cinnamon Rolls, Sticky Brownies, Apple Upside Down Cake P 1,000
July 18, Thursday, 2 - 5 pm BAKING 5 Ube Cake, Original Pandan Cake, Mango Cake, Stawberry Shortcake P 1,200
July 19, Friday, 9 – 1 pm BAKING 6 For Chocolate Lovers! French Chocolate Cake, Black Forest Cake, Churros con Chocolate, Austrian Chocolate Cake P 1,200
July 19, Friday, 2 – 5 pm ASIAN COOKING Hainanese Chicken Rice, Vietnamese Spring Rolls, Spicy Kangkong, Chili Crab, Claypot Chicken Rice, Peking Candied Apples P 1,000
July 20, Saturday, 9 - 1 pm BAKING 7 Croquembouche, Turtle Pie, Triple Chocolate Mousse Cake, Mango Pavlova P 1,200
July 20, Saturday, 2 – 5 pm Saturday Cooking Club Pasta with Gorgonzola Sauce, Paella Valenciana, Fish Florentine in Fillo Pastry, Bone Marrow Canape, Crepe Samurai P 1,200
July 25, Thursday, 10 am – 3 pm YEAST DOUGHS Pan de Sal, Ensalmada Espesyal (with Cheese and Ube Filling), Dinner Rolls, Pear Walnut Bread P 1,200
July 26, Friday, 10 am – 3 pm BREAD MAKING Croissants, Carrot Bread, Raisin Bread, Gruyere Garlic Bread, Banana Bread P 1,200
July 27, Saturday, 9-1 am BAKING 8 Elegant Desserts Hazelnut and Tangerine Tiramisu, Mango Napoleons, Individual Baked Alaskas, Capuccino Brownies with White Chocolate Espresso Sauce P 1,200
July 27, Saturday, 2 – 5 pm Saturday Cooking Club, A Turkey Dinner Roasted Onion and Garlic Soup, Green Salad with Orange Vinaigrette, Fresh Oysters with Assorted Garnishes, ROAST HERBED TURKEY WITH SHIITAKE MUSHROOM GRAVY, Pecan Pie P 1,200
E-mail Address sylvia_cancio@hotmail.com Please call for reservation!
• Membership entitles students to a 20% discount in the Saturday Cooking Club lessons by different teachers*
• GINGER GRILL - Try our open air Hawker's Food! Starts at 6:00 p.m. in the parking lot of CANCIO Bldg

Rustan SUPERMARKETS
Maestro
arcuisine
Arcuisine Maestro Glass Bakeware

30 cm Rectangular Dish
~~P395.00~~ P179.00

30 cm Flan Dish
~~P429.00~~ P199.00

36 cm Oval Dish
~~P565.00~~ P249.00

2.5 lt Covered Casserole
~~P675.00~~ P299.00

1.5 lt Covered Casserole
~~P525.00~~ P249.00

26 cm Round Dish
~~P565.00~~ P249.00

37 cm Rectangular Dish
~~P575.00~~ P249.00

SHOP, STAMP & SAVE
Offer July 1- September 22, 2002
UP TO 55% SAVINGS on your purchase of any of these items!
It's hot, it's heavy-duty, it's here...the Arcuisine Maestro Glass Bakeware. And it can be yours at a special price!
Every P200.00 purchase at any Rustan Supermarket branch or XxpressLane outlet entitles you to a bonus stamp. Complete the collector card with 20 bonus stamps for your chance to buy any of these Arcuisine Maestro Glass Bakeware items. With up to 55% discount on each item!
So, keep on shopping at Rustan Supermarkets and start your Arcuisine Maestro Glass Bakeware collection today!
SAVE UP TO 55%
Get an additional bonus stamp for every P50.00 purchase of any of these products...
Tide Safeguard Pampers Joy NEW Pantene
See posters for details.
Makati • Cubao • Shangri-La Plaza • Harrison Plaza • Rockwell Center • Ali Mall • Farmers Plaza • San Antonio, Forbes Park • Boni • Edsa-Taft • Mercedez-Pasig • Ayala Alabang • Marikina • Sta. Rosa, Laguna • Taytay • Starmall • Libertad • Fairview • Banawe • Katipunan • Cebu
Rustan's Fresh
Xxpresslane by Rustan SUPERMARKETS
Rustan SUPERMARKETS
www.rustans.com
Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 2492 Series of 2002

ULRIKE da Silva, Dr. Fumian Foo, Singaporean Ambassador Jacky Foo and Venezuelan Ambassador Milena Ramirez

MICHELINE Jess, Linda Dimond and Hassan Sarmad of Pakistan

PHOTOS BY BETOY JOHNSON

BRAZIL'S Charge d' Affaires Carlos Carvalho, Chit Gohu, Russian Ambassador Anatoli and Valentina Khmelnitzki, Nelly Bengson

Portugal throws a party; spectacular Farrales gala tonight

DIPLOMATIC SWIRL

By Amiga

PORTUGUESE Ambassador **Joao Caetano da Silva** is all excited about the Portuguese festival in October, wherein the earliest antique maps showing the Philippines (1512) will be exhibited at the Metropolitan. Remember, Magellan didn't come along until 1521, but he was believed to have visited his cousin working in Malacca, where there was a community of Filipinos years before he set off looking for us. So his "discovery" wasn't a fluke.

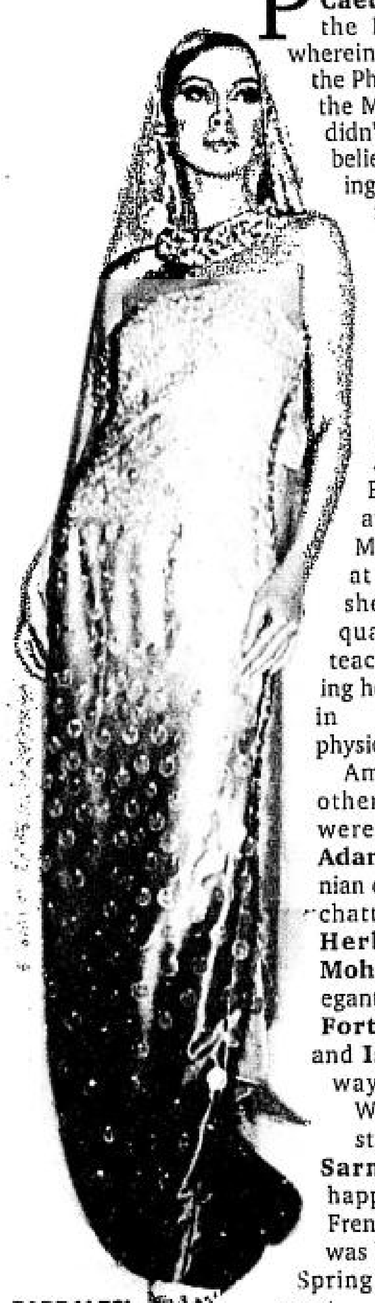
At the celebration of Portugal's National Day, the *bacalao* was served Portuguese-style, as *croquetas,* with a delicious cream sauce. Among the gentlemen were such well-tailored types as Spanish Ambassador **Tomas Pantoja** and British Ambassador **Paul Dimond** and his wife, **Linda**. Just found out Mme. **Fumian Foo** is teaching Physics at UP, which she is highly qualified to teach considering her doctorate in molecular physics.

Among the other guests were Libyan Ambassador Dr. **Salem Adam**; the charge d'affaires of the Romanian embassy, **Radu Homescu,** who was chatting with German Ambassador **Herbert Jess**; Saudi Ambassador **Mohamad Al Ghamdi**; our two ever elegant honorary consuls, **Evie Costa** and **Fortune Ledesma**; **Paz Yuchengco** and **Isabel Wilson** who were on their way to the Mandarin for the Chilean Wine Festival when we arrived; Pakistan Ambassador and Mme. **Hassan Sarmad**; **Carlos Carvalho,** who was happily singing Portuguese songs; and French Ambassador **Renee Veyret**, who was happy with the results of the French Spring Festival that has become a yearly event.

There was the Portugal-Poland football match to get excited about. In fact, it was the World Cup that Mexican Ambassador **Enrique** and **Marianna Hubbard** intended to watch when they left.

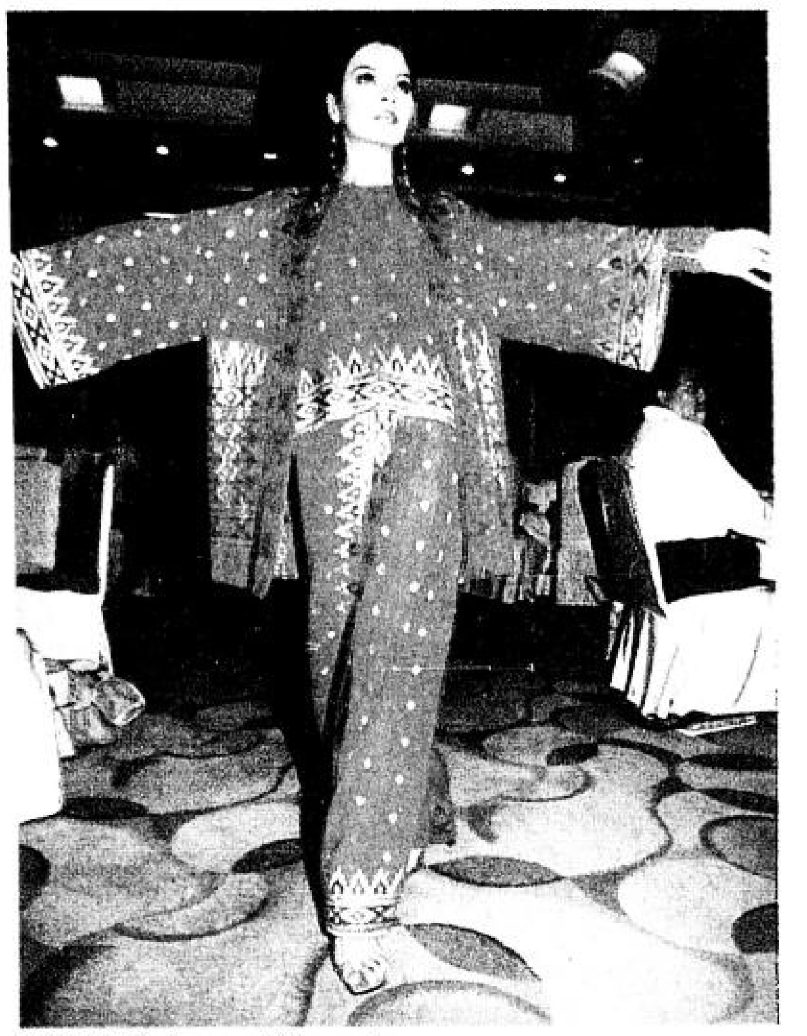
Happy birthday!

Today, Ben Farrales marks his birthday with an invitational gala fashion show at the Shangri-La Makati ballroom. The show is his treat to celebrate his 50 years in fashion. Expect the shakers and movers of Philippine society to be there and expect a fashion spectacle like no other. Happy birthday, Mang Ben!



FARRALES' Muslim-inspired gown

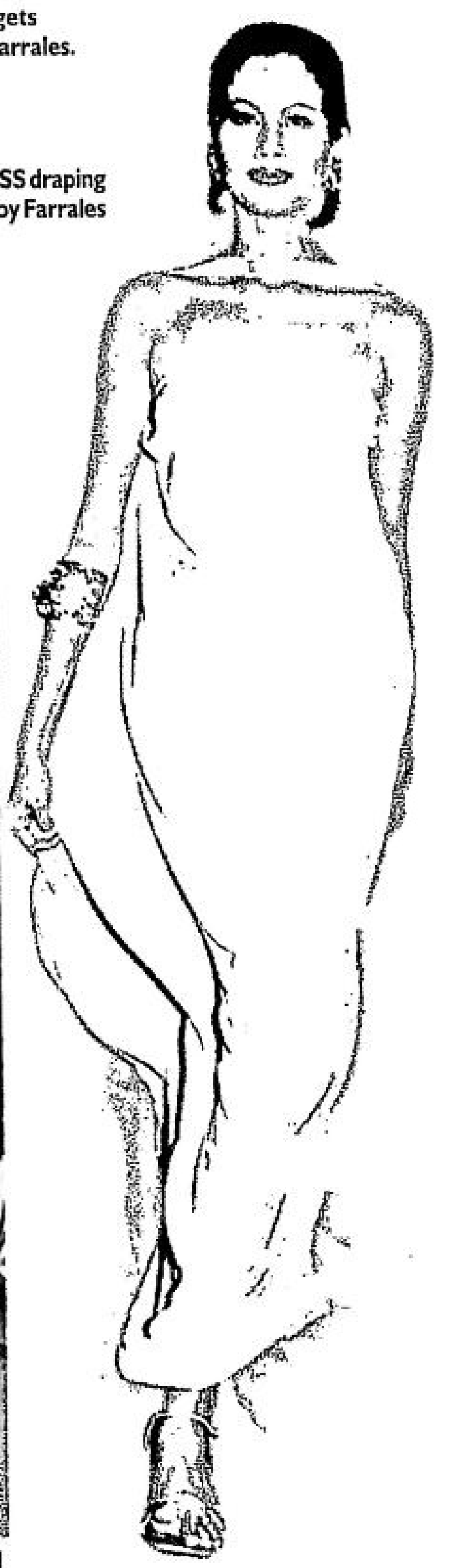
PORTUGUESE Ambassador Joao da Silva and Undersecretary Frank Ebdalin



MUSLIM Mindanao motif dress gets contemporary silhouette from Farrales.

ITALIAN Ambassador and Mme. Umberto Colesanti with Glenn Gale

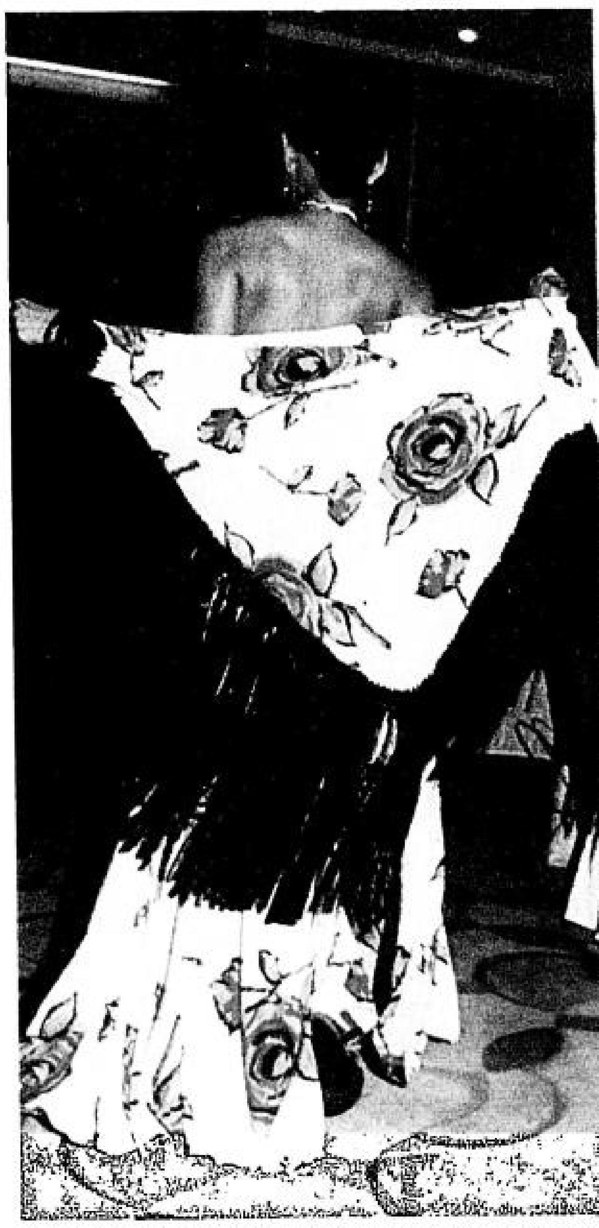
FLAWLESS draping by Farrales



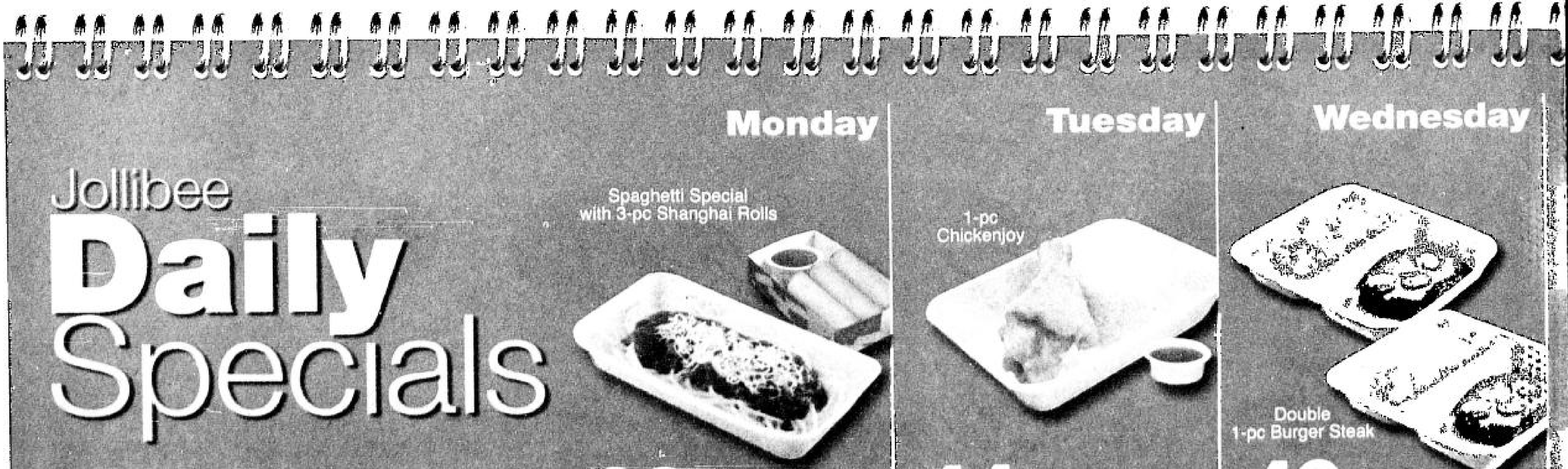
GERMAN Ambassador Herbert Jess and Romanian Charge d' Affaires Radu Homescu

FRENCH Ambassador Renee Veyret, Ambassador Da Silva and Spanish Ambassador Tomas Pantoja

MOHAMED Rezk of Egypt, Melly and Louie Ablaza, Marianna Hubbard, Consul Evie Costa and Saudi Ambassador Saleh Mohammad Al-Ghamdi

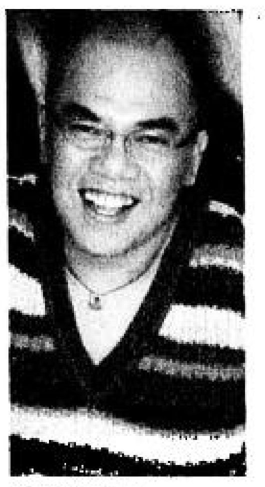


BRIGHT floral print distinguishes this Spanish-inspired backless number by Farrales.



Rainy day readings

From page E1


BOY Abunda

SARAH Meier

BISHOP Soc Villegas

BENILDA Santos

PRINCESS Punzalan

Benilda Santos
Poet; chair, Ateneo's Filipino Department; director, Ateneo Institute of Literary Arts and Practices

My first choice for the rainy season is "The Umbrella Country" (Ballantine Books) written by New York-based Fil-Am writer Bino Realuyo. It is a coming-out story set in the urban mid-city of old Sampaloc. It talks about the discomfort in the Manila area, especially during heavy rains, and this picture is woven into the rather complex lives of the characters in the novel. One good thing about the book is that each chapter can stand alone on itself. *Nakakatuwa din ang paggamit niya ng Ingles.*

Second book I'd recommend is "Pahuhunos" by Ellen Sicat (widow of the late fictionist Rogelio Sicat). Her take on the Filipino culture is effortless, witty and detailed. Her book doesn't carry heavy ideologies and yet you will find yourself walking in her own beat. She lends an ancient yet present voice to the story.

During the rainy season, I also have this habit of reading spiritual books like the translation of St. John of the Cross' "Dark Knight of the Soul." For poetry, I would recommend those by Francis Tonge.

Sarah Meier
Model and MTV VJ

"Prozac Nation: Young and Depressed in America: A Memoir" by Elizabeth Wurtzel is about a drugged-out girl. It's not light reading so you really have to digest the story. It's the kind of book that makes you sit in your room and think about life.

Lakambini Sitoy
Fictionist and columnist

I like Angela Carter's "Wise Children" for its intelligence. It's also easy to read. Margaret Atwood's "The Blind Assassin" because she's witty and has an excellent command of the language. She's not high brow and it's easy to relate to her characters. I also recommend Kate Atkinson's "Behind the Scene at the Museum," which tells the story of four generations of British women. She writes very well and she highlights a part of British life we're not familiar with. I would also suggest "The Manticore" by Robertson Davies, where the mythological beast is used as metaphor in the story of an old school master.

Bishop Soc Villegas

I recommend the Bible because it lifts up the heart and takes out the gloom of a rainy day.

Gina Lopez
Director, Bantay-bata

I recommend "Heart of the Soul" by Gary Zukav because it talks about emotional awareness. This is the second time I'm reading this book because it helps me deal with life and understand myself better. It's a self-help book about personal growth. Also a must is "Return to Love" by Marianne Williamson, which talks about life and love. It's very inspiring.

Myrza Sison
Editor in chief, Cosmopolitan Philippines

I like "The Umbrella Country" by Bino Realuyo. I would recommend this for reading to my friends abroad who haven't been home for a while because it reflects life as a child during the '70s especially in the impoverished areas of Manila. You can relate to it if you were born during that decade.

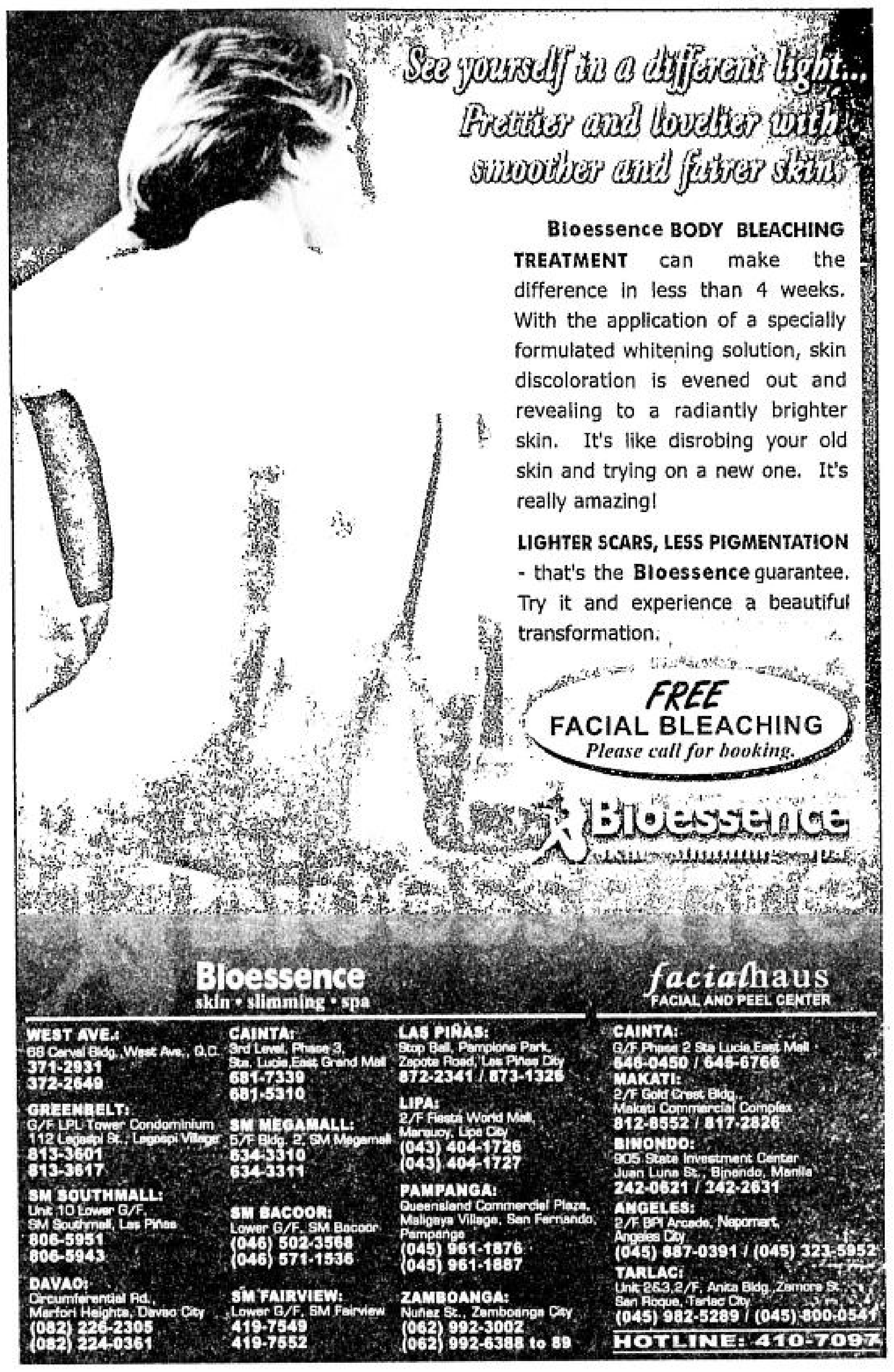
The story is seen from the point of view of an 11-year-old who tells the story in a funny yet touching manner. The book has a very rich description and lush prose. In fact, it has inspired me to write fiction in the future.

Princess Punzalan
Actress

A friend of mine gave me a book titled "Hinds' Feet on High Places" by Hannah Hurnard. She said that the story about the journey and transformation of Much Afraid pretty much reminds her of me. It is an allegorical piece that helps readers understand how sorrow and suffering help us get to new heights of love, joy and victory. The book is very encouraging and it provokes me to analyze the way I live and find the reason I do the things I do. I haven't finished reading the book yet because each event in the life of Much Afraid makes me stop and become introspective. I really recommend this nice literature for the rainy days because it has a way of lifting the readers' spirits up.

Rina Jimenez David
Columnist

I recommend "Cover Her Face" by P.D. James because she's always been a favorite mystery writer. "A Fine Balance" by Rohinton Mistry—it's a big book with a story set in India during the "state of internal emergency." The book can occupy you till the rainy season ends. It's both political and cultural. A good read would also be "Lord of the Rings" by J.R.R. Tolkien.



See yourself in a different light...
Prettier and lovelier with smoother and fairer skin!

Bioessence BODY BLEACHING TREATMENT can make the difference in less than 4 weeks. With the application of a specially formulated whitening solution, skin discoloration is evened out and revealing to a radiantly brighter skin. It's like disrobing your old skin and trying on a new one. It's really amazing!

LIGHTER SCARS, LESS PIGMENTATION - that's the **Bioessence** guarantee. Try it and experience a beautiful transformation.

FREE
FACIAL BLEACHING
Please call for booking.

Bioessence
skin • slimming • spa

facialhaus
FACIAL AND PEEL CENTER

WEST AVE.: 88 Carval Bldg., West Ave., Q.C. 371-2931 372-2649
GREENBELT: G/F LPL Tower Condominium 112 Legaspi St., Legaspi Village 813-3601 813-3617
SM SOUTHMALL: Unit 10 Lower G/F, SM Southmall, Las Piñas 806-5951 806-5943
DAVAO: Circumferential Rd., Marfori Heights, Davao City (082) 226-2305 (082) 224-0361
CAINTA: 3rd Level, Phase 3, Sta. Lucia East Grand Mall 681-7339 681-5310
SM MEGAMALL: 5/F Bldg. 2, SM Megamall 634-3310 634-3311
SM BACOOR: Lower G/F, SM Bacoor (046) 502-3568 (046) 571-1536
SM FAIRVIEW: Lower G/F, SM Fairview 419-7549 419-7552
LAS PIÑAS: Stop Ball, Pamplona Park, Zapote Road, Las Piñas City 872-2341 / 873-1326
LIPA: 2/F Fiesta World Mall, Marauoy, Lipa City (043) 404-1726 (043) 404-1727
PAMPANGA: Queensland Commercial Plaza, Maligaya Village, San Fernando, Pampanga (045) 961-1876 (045) 961-1887
ZAMBOANGA: Nuñez St., Zamboanga City (062) 992-3002 (062) 992-6388 to 89
CAINTA: G/F Phase 2 Sta Lucia East Mall 646-0450 / 645-6766
MAKATI: 2/F Gold Crest Bldg., Makati Commercial Complex 812-8552 / 817-2826
BINONDO: 905 State Investment Center Juan Luna St., Binondo, Manila 242-0621 / 242-2631
ANGELES: 2/F BPI Arcade, Nepomart, Angeles City (045) 887-0391 / (045) 323-5952
TARLAC: Unit 2&3,2/F, Anita Bldg.,Zamora St., San Roque, Tarlac City (045) 982-5289 / (045) 800-0541
HOTLINE: 410-7097

That rare thing . . .

From page E4

overs. Auel's style remains heavy-handed and obvious—like reading instructions in an encyclopedia-sized shooting script instead of a book.

Similarly, the book's compelling events (the debates about the wedding, Ayla's giving birth, the tug-of-war between Ayla and the Zelandoni initiation) is buried between literally chapters of expository paragraphs about cave dwelling. It takes about as long to get to the book's meat as it did to get the book written, as Auel waited 12 years to publish "Shelters."

Auel clearly spent that time writing, as the book weighs in at over 750 pages. And it's too bad because Ayla truly makes for interesting, if slightly predictable, reading simply because she's so smooth, so powerful, she'll survive pretty much anything; she is a recipient of literary invulnerability, not unlike a prehistoric superhero.

Asjde from a few interesting characters (the thoughtful Zelandoni of the Ninth Cave, the slightly disabled Lanidar, the twisted Brukeval), the characters feel like a listing rather than a cast: Dalanar, Marona, Marthona, Salova, Proleva, Denoda, Willamar, Laramar, Tormaden—you get the idea.

The most interesting thing, beyond the Jurassic era-sized knowledge of Cro-Magnon man it provides, is that "Shelters," and the entire Earth's Children series, is really about outsiders and how they must overcome all the preconceived notions that hinder them. From Ayla to Wolf, "Shelters" is a fine study in the outsider becoming part of the whole.

Ultimately, it's too bad "Shelters" is just too much of a mastodon of a book—it's truly slow reading even if solid and informative and, in the end, just too cumbersome to be good reading. That's because it is a rare animal—a book that's focused on a unique topic, perhaps a genre of its own (prehistoric fiction?) that brims with an abundance of intelligence, even if it falls epochs short of being reader-friendly. Jean M. Auel's "The Shelters of Stone" may read at the pace of the Ice Age, but this is one series that really does not deserve to become extinct.

Available in hardcover at National Bookstore and PowerBooks

ERGONOMICS FOR KIDS
PROPER STUDY TABLES
& CHAIRS FOR CHILDREN
SALE!
UP TO 50% OFF!

PROMO PERIOD > JULY 1 - JULY 6, 2002

Adjustable heights of the desk surface to fit children ages 4-18
Seat height and depth adjustment to complement table height to provide proper support for the right posture

Visit us from 8:30am – 5:30pm
Mon. - Sat. at:
CONTRACT DESIGN
155 WIMC Bldg.
EDSA (Across Megamall Bldg. A)

CONTRACT DESIGN & SYSTEMS FURNITURE SPECIALIST, INC.

Per DTI-NCR Permit No.A3-445, Series of 2002

Thursday
Jolly Hotdog Value Meal
35
Before
Friday
Double Spaghetti Special
P45
Before
Saturday
Regular French Fries and Chocolate Sundae
Not for JED or bulk orders.
P35
Before
Stores without choco sundae will offer double pocket pie at P24.
Sunday
Regular Yum with Cheese Value Meal
P45
Before
Not for JED or bulk orders.
Langhap-Sarap sa Jollibee
bee happy

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 2304 Series of 2002

That rare thing—prehistoric fiction

The Shelters of Stone
By Jean M. Auel
Crown Publishers, New York, 2002, 753 pages

By Ruel S. De Vera

REVIEW

AT FIRST glance, it sounds too specific. Jean M. Auel's Earth's Children series carves out the story of Cro-Magnon humans and their travails in Upper Paleolithic Europe—some 35,000 years ago. From the time "Clan of the Cave Bear" came out in 1980 to 1990s "The Plains of Passage" (the fourth book in the series), Auel's opus has proven to be an evolutionary surprise sales-wise: the books have sold millions and has a serious cult following.

On the surface, the premise of the new book, "The Shelters of Stone," is something of a doze, even with its fascinating central character: the mysterious Ayla, a human adopted by Neanderthals (derisively called "Flatheads" by humans), who escapes her adoptive tribe to travel the land.

In "Shelters," she is journeying with lover Jondalar, horses Whinney and Racer, and a wolf named, well, Wolf.

Ayla, of course, is a striking beauty who is independent; she is a gifted healer and seer. She is carrying Jondalar's child, but bears difficult memories of her previous child. But "Shelters" is not an ordinary coming-home story. Together, this strange group arrives home to Jondalar's people, the cave-dwelling Zelandoni.

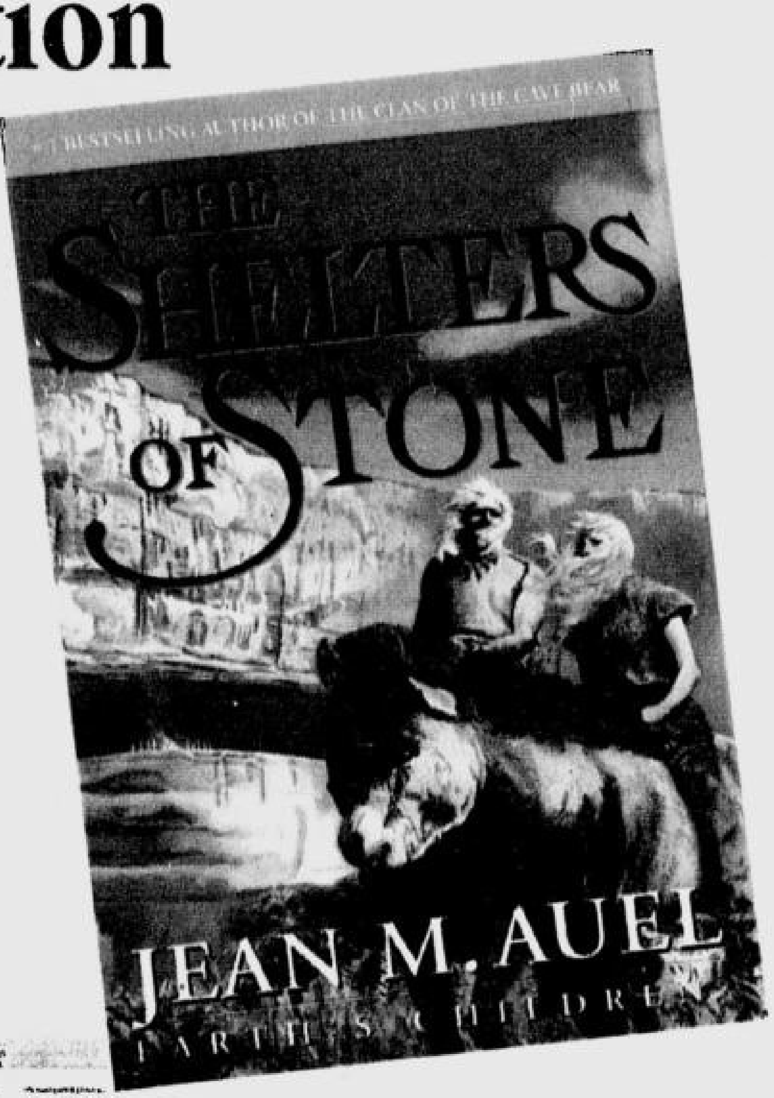
> Jean M. Auel's long-awaited fifth installment to the Earth's Children series is a mastodon of a book—plodding, meaty but ultimately too cumbersome

This is the heart of this glacier-sized book. After surviving the journey and natural threats, Ayla and Jondalar must overcome the prejudices and fears of his people as the two lovers move to mating. Along the way, Ayla must also explore an odd relationship with the Ninth Cave's medicine woman, called the Zelandoni, and ask herself if she can become one of these powerful healers. A spectacle for readers is the Summer Meeting, where all the Caves come together—and where Ayla is exposed to even more scrutiny.

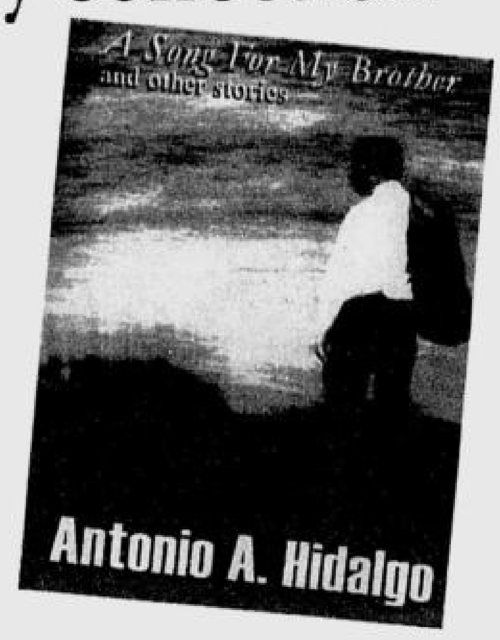
"Shelters" is diverting because it contains Auel's amazingly well-researched and well-imagined insights into the life of early man. Details bloom from every rock cave and meal. Auel literally charts every single nook and cranny in the existence of man during those days: nature, implements, religion, politics, even romance. All in all, it's an unbelievably thorough job.

Unfortunately, "Shelters" reads more like a nonfiction book than a novel, as Ayla constantly pauses to observe and comment on literally everything around her. It was informative the first hundred times, but it gets wearisome very quickly. Add to that the many love scenes (yes, all between Ayla and Jondalar) that are written in a grating, overdrawn manner that recalls the cheesy lunacy of the worst "Temptation Island" voice-

THAT RARE/ p.E3



Antonio Hidalgo's new story collection



MILFLORES Publishing Inc. has released "A Song for My Brother and Other Stories" by Antonio A. Hidalgo.

In his fifth collection of stories, the author captures in words a large slice of Filipino life and renders its deeper meaning through remarkably imaginative fiction.

There are two brothers, bonded flesh to flesh, the successful one doomed to watch in agony while the other destroys himself and his family with shabu.

And a man who sells dreams in a mall who magically elevates the relationship of a wife and husband to new heights of love and understanding.

And Jesus Christ, cloned by a corporation for commercial purposes for his second coming.

And a lesbian forced into a loveless conventional marriage with a man.

And a student in an expensive private school who wants to save the soul of a pretty GRO.

And a compulsive gambler who drives his wife and daughter into prostitution.

And a simple farm worker, trapped by the clash of gigantic social forces, who stakes his life to regain his humanity.

And many more fascinating characters and situations.

Hidalgo won prizes in the 2001 Palanca Awards and the 2000 NVM Gonzalez Awards for his fiction. His stories are included in the 2000 and 1999 Likhaan anthologies of the UP Creative Center and the UP Press.

"A Song for My Brother and Other Stories" is available at the Goodwill, Bibliarch, Solidaridad, Powerbooks, Tradewinds, Popular and National Bookstore at P290 per copy.

LET'S FACE IT
FACIAL SALON
THE ONE-STOP FACIAL SALON

SHOWTIME!

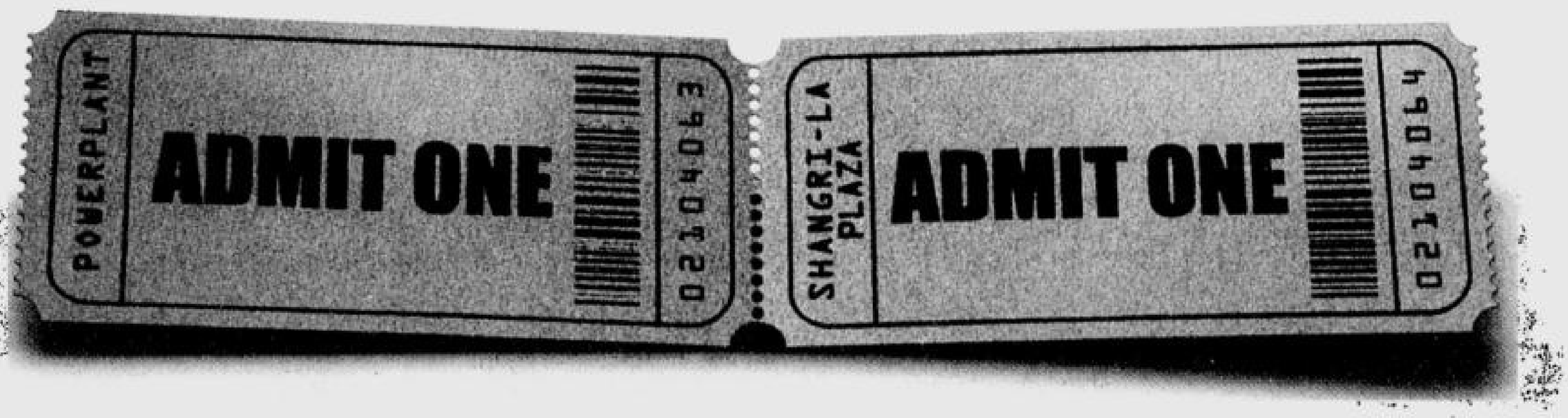
Tired of the usual method in getting rid of unwanted hair like plucking, shaving waxing or other chemical depilatories which will only give you temporary result. Now you don't have to go to all these messy and painful processes which sometimes give you undesirable result.

Let's Face IT Introduces
LASER HAIR REMOVAL,
it is the most advance technology for permanent hair reduction.

You can now get rid of those unwanted hair fuzz-free and effectively making you bare more skin with confidence than before.

For inquiries call or visit us NOW!

ROBINSONS MANILA / 522-6261 • ROBINSONS METRO EAST / 646-1727 • ROBINSONS GALLERIA / 687-7718
FESTIVAL MALL ALABANG / 771-0448 • B.F. HOMES PARAÑAQUE / 825-3898 • SM CITY PAMPANGA / (045) 961-2139
SM CITY BACOOR / (046) 970-4322 • SM CITY NORTH EDSA / 926-3152 • SM CITY FAIRVIEW / 935-2875
SM SOUTHMALL / 800-3291 • SM MEGAMALL / 636-5580 • SM CITY MANILA / 527-[illegible]
TIMOG corner TOMAS MORATO / 926-7279 • AYALA CENTER, MAKATI



Shop with MasterCard and go star-gazing with friends for free!

Get free movie tickets with MasterCard Priceless Delights at the Power Plant and Shangri-La Plaza.

Use your MasterCard when you shop at the Power Plant and the Shangri-La Plaza and enjoy three wonderful delights! One: a minimum transaction worth ₱2,000 entitles you to either free movie, bowling or stage play tickets for two. Two: a minimum purchase worth ₱1,000 allows you to play a game at our MasterCard booth located in these malls for instant gift items. And three: get the chance to win cash credits worth ₱20,000 in our monthly raffle draw. So use your MasterCard now and be delighted!

Promo Period is from July 1 to September 30, 2002. Visit us at the MasterCard Activity Booth. See posters and flyers or visit www.mastercard.com.ph for more details.

POWER PLANT
AT ROCKWELL

Shangri-La Plaza

MasterCard MasterCard

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 2500, Series of 2002

LEAGUE OF CORPORATE FOUNDATIONS

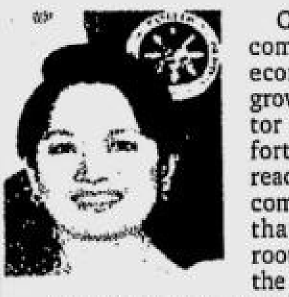
Aggie Pinili, Account Manager

sprojects@inquirer.com.ph

Aries Espinosa, Editor

Messages

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA



Corporate Social Responsibility Week comes at a most opportune time when the economy has recaptured its momentum of growth and the more enlightened private sector has recognized its affinity with the less fortunate sectors of society. Indeed, it is in reaching out to the poor and the marginalized communities that the private sector affirms that its viability and competitiveness are rooted on the productivity and well-being of the whole country.

I am gratified to note that the League of Corporate Foundations, faithful to its mandate of coordinating the CSR Week activities, has been working with other business associations and with the government agencies tasked with poverty reduction to present a consolidation of efforts in addressing the age-old problem of poverty. I am also cognizant of the initiative of the Asian Institute of Management - Ramon V. del Rosario Sr. Center for Corporate Responsibility, its organizing partners and some of the leading corporations, to widen the network of cooperating bodies in poverty alleviation through its "Asian Forum on CSR."

Ultimately, however, the battle against poverty can only be won if we are able to engage all sectors of society, the benefactors as well as the beneficiaries, in a common front that would take us to a more equitable and a more just sharing of economic opportunities, responsibilities and rewards.

GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO
President

The League of Corporate Foundations is heartened by the increasingly widespread acceptance among the private sector, whether it involves large or smaller companies, of their social responsibility. The practice of Corporate Social Responsibility has inherent business logic in specific operational terms as it engenders environments hospitable to and supportive of business. Beyond that, Corporate Social Responsibility is aligned with global initiatives that seek to encourage and bring about a more humane, more sustainable and more productive world.

This year's Corporate Social Responsibility Week focus on poverty reduction recognizes that poverty, which is the root of most social ills, is so entrenched and tenacious that it cannot be defeated or moderated without the innovative strategizing and meticulous implementation that the private sector is most qualified to undertake, especially if the entire private sector decides to act in concert.

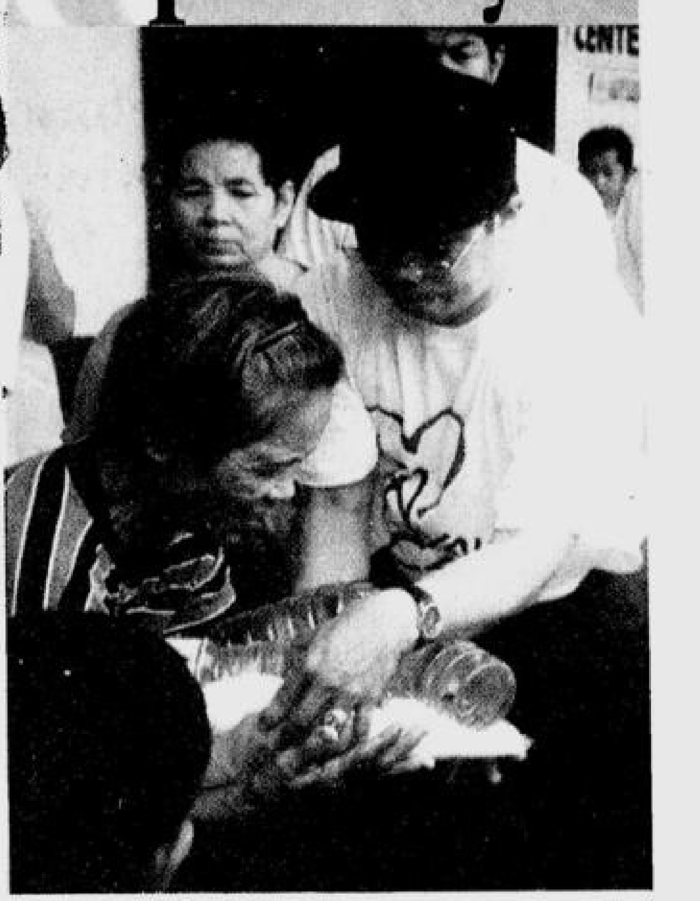
Thus, the Corporate Social Responsibility Week dedicates itself to a consolidated private sector program on poverty reduction. The LCF welcomes one and all who believe poverty can be put on the run within our lifetime.

MA. AURORA FRANCISCO TOLENTINO
Chair

Corporate Social Responsibility Week

July 1-8, 2002

LCF: Moving ahead in poverty reduction



CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY is a concept that underlies the private sector's recognition that it has a role in helping create a more just, more caring, more equitable society.

Business accepts it has not only a financial bottomline but other bottomlines as well, social and environmental, among them. Companies are increasingly measured by their performance not only in generating returns for their investors and in creating jobs – although these are fundamental contributions — but also by the extent and quality of their participation in promoting society's well-being.

The League of Corporate Foundations was set up formally in November 1996 with the vision "to be the driving force in the formation of a highly committed business sector working effectively with communities and partner institutions towards the attainment of equitable and sustainable development."

It seeks to "harness the resources and strengthen the commitment of corporate foundations and their principals in pursuit of national development goals through greater Corporate Social Responsibility."

From a dozen or so members, LCF has grown to become a network of more than 50 corporate foundations and corporations working on social development programs in the Philippines.

As mandated by a presidential proclamation in 1998, LCF is the overall coordinating body to effectively supervise the activities during Corporate Social Responsibility Week.

CSR Week is observed every first week of July to highlight the contributions of corporations, corporate foundations and business organizations to the country's economic and social development, particularly in reducing poverty.

True to this mandate, the theme of CSR Week this year is "Moving ahead in poverty reduction." LCF is working with the leading business organizations towards putting together the consolidated private sector response to the problem of poverty.

The consolidation of this sector's programs in the past five years and their projected activities that address poverty in the next two years is seen as the initial step in a landmark effort. . It is a serious and continuing project to determine what private business has done and is doing, and what it hopes to do to help alleviate poverty.

The goal of reducing the rising incidence and arresting the adverse consequences of poverty is a central concern of the government as identified in its Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP), which is the principal development strategy paper of the administration.

The administration's program vehicle on poverty reduction is called "Kapitbisig Laban sa Kahirapan" (KALAHI), and the lead agencies for these are the Dept. of Social Work and Development (DSWD) and the National Anti-poverty Commission (NAPC). The Kalahi has identified the kinds of assistance packages, as well as their estimated costs, that are actually needed in specific barangay-level communities, initially in the National Capital Region and Regions III and IV, plus some of the more needy areas in the Visayas and Mindanao. .

Believing that poverty is a problem endemic to the Asia Pacific, LCF and partner organizations are reaching out to their counterparts in the region to learn and help one another in their approaches to poverty reduction and improving the quality of life of their target communities. This year, the first "Asian Forum on CSR" is being held during CSR Week in a Makati venue. It is organized by the Ramon V. del Rosario Sr. Asian Institute of Management Center for Corporate Responsibility and other organizing partners including LCF.

Another highlight of CSR Week is the presentation of the "Benchmarking Corporate Citizenship" study implemented by the Philippine Business for Social Progress and LCF with funding from Ford Foundation. The four-year study seeks to arrive at standards and measurements of a company's CSR programs in terms of their effectiveness in implementation and their impact on the company itself and its stakeholders.

LCF has operating committees in the areas of Education, Entrepreneurship, Environment, Health and Arts and Culture. Through these committees, LCF believes it addresses the problem of poverty and related issues in a more holistic manner, allowing sustainable and equitable development for all.

The Arts and Culture Committee goes one step further in dealing with poverty by looking at it not only as poverty in material goods but also as poverty of the spirit. Thus, it encourages interventions to preserve and propagate indigenous crafts and natural resources, particularly in a way that creates income opportunities for the communities.

The problem of poverty is so widespread and long-standing that it cannot be the concern only of companies and foundations. It needs the participation of all Filipinos who believe in a better tomorrow for the country.

Helping solve poverty through entrepreneurial development

HOW can the League of Corporate Foundations through its Entrepreneurial Development committee promote sustainable economic activities with their communities to minimize poverty?

This is the question that the committee addressed when the members met for their strategic planning meeting this year. The committee's focus has shifted over the years to address current issues. Next to education, enterprise development is the activity where most of the LCF members are engaged in.

However, there is no predominant mechanism that members engage in to promote enterprise development. More than 50 percent of its members give marginalized communities access to credit. The big players — BPI Foundation, UCPB-CIIF, LANDBANK, PBSP — do wholesale lending through cooperative lending, financing coconut-based clients, and agribusiness operations in the countryside. Total funds available for lending just among these big players can easily be from a low of P500 million to a high of P800 million.

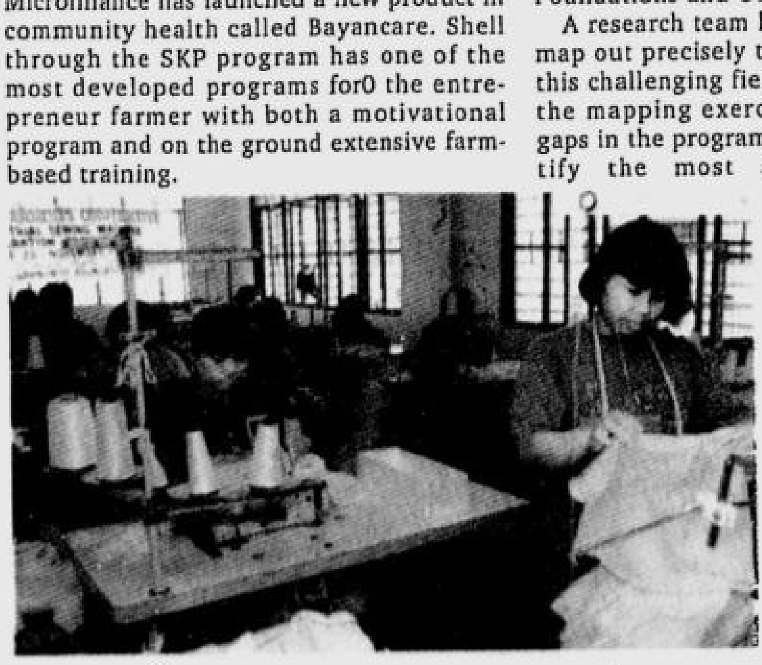
Bayan Microfinance is one of the most successful and innovative NGOs engaged in retailing small loans direct to their clients; to date amount disbursed has already reached P206 million. Sarmiento Foundation, on the other hand, has a medium-size operation focused in Bulacan with mostly women workers. They are experimenting with a model whereby corporate volunteers act as big brother to select clients who have the potential to expand their business. Philam Foundation together with Bayan Microfinance has launched a new product in community health called Bayancare. Shell through the SKP program has one of the most developed programs for0 the entrepreneur farmer with both a motivational program and on the ground extensive farm-based training.

Other members such as RFM foundation, Meralco, PSE, Splash are currently redefining their programs in this field. Aboitiz Foundation and Metro Pacific are very area-focused foundations that their microfinancing is merely a component of their total area development plan. Mirant's lighting up of 1,000 barangays will certainly facilitate greater entrepreneurial activities in these areas. Survey results show that in terms of impact, LCF members' micro-finance programs have reached 28,771 families and deployed P1, 525, 087, 000 in assets.

The innovative concepts that continue to challenge the committee is the concept of partnerships — among members, between business and communities, linkaging for marketing, technology transfer, and capacity building. It has successfully held meaningful dialogues that cut across sectors in microfinance, partnerships, linkaging, and community insurance.

Collaborative activities have been forged between two or more members, though identifying a common project still eludes it. It has held dialogues with the Microfinance Council, the Philippine Retailers Association, the Megma Foundation, and other NGOs such as the Foundation for Sustainable Societies, Inc. A focus group discussion on social entrepreneurship was recently held at the Filipinas Heritage Library in collaboration with the AIM, School of Development Management and the Conference of Asian Foundations and Organizations (CAFO).

A research team has been organized to map out precisely the ongoing efforts in this challenging field. It is our hope that the mapping exercise will identify the gaps in the program and eventually identify the most strategic area for collaboration. Venture philanthropy and social entrepreneurship are new concepts coming to play in the world of non-profits. It sounds incongruous but the reality is that sustained economic growth and education are the long-term solutions to poverty alleviation.



League of Corporate Foundations
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES
Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Week
July 1 - 8, 2002

Mon - Jul 1	Tue - Jul 2	Wed - Jul 3	Thu - Jul 4	Fri - Jul 5	Sat - Jul 6
	Asian Forum on CSR				
Launching of "Project Tulungan sa Paaralan" 9:00 a.m. Silangan Elem. School Upper Bicutan, Taguig Lead coordinator: ComEd	Opening of the Asian CSR Expo Dusit Hotel ✱ Visit the LCF Photo Exhibit on Poverty Reduction Initiatives. Lead coordinator: Arts & Culture Committee	Plenary with Her Excellency President Gloria M. Arroyo 10:00 a.m. Dusit Hotel ✱ Presentation of the Consolidated Private Sector Response to Poverty Reduction. Lead coordinator: LCF Secretariat	Sun Life Financial's Nationwide Bloodletting Activity with PNRC Governor Rosa Rosal 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Macaulay Room, 11/f The Enterprise Center Tower II	Smoke Emission Testing 8:00 a.m. Nichols Toll Plaza A Lead coordinators: ABS-CBN Foundation, Andres Soriano Foundation, Petron Foundation, Toyota Foundation (Envicom)	La Mesa Watershed Tree-Planting 8:00 a.m. Lead coordinator: ABS-CBN Foundation (Envicom)
Petron Foundation's Launching of "Tulong Aral ng Petron" 2:00 p.m. Tenement Elem. School Upper Bicutan, Taguig		Benchmarking Corporate Citizenship 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Dusit Hotel ✱ Presentation of CSR tools and best practices. Lead coordinators: PBSP & LCF	Petron Foundation's Bloodletting Activity for Petron Employees 8:00 - 12:00 n.n. 34/f Petron MegaPlaza	Splash Foundation's Turnover of 2 Life-Saving Equipment & the new Pediatric Treatment Room and Pediatric Resident Doctors' Lounge 10:00 a.m. Gift-giving to Pediatric Patients 11:00 a.m. East Ave. Medical Center, QC	Meralco Foundation's Tree-Planting Activity Talisay, Batangas
Zuellig Foundation's Health Leadership Management Program (Training Series on Managing Change) 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 n.n. Sunrise Holiday Mansion Royale Tagaytay Estates San Alfonso, Cavite		Closing Dinner 6:00 p.m. Philippine National Museum ✱ Launching of PBSP's "A Guide to Strategic Corporate Giving in the Philippines".	Petron Foundation's Launching of "Tulong Aral ng Petron" 9:00 a.m. Pilar Village Elem. School Almanza, Las Piñas	Medical Mission to Sitio Puting Bato, Navotas (Nutrition Month) with DOH Secretary Manuel Dayrit 11:00 a.m. Lead coordinator: Metrobank Foundation (HealthCom)	Intel's Health Education Campaign, "Iwas Sakit sa Tag-ulan" (2nd day) Whole-day Makati City and Cavite
			Metrobank Foundation's Mass Bloodletting Activity for Metrobank Employees 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Metrobank Plaza Auditorium	Intel's Health Education Campaign, "Iwas Sakit sa Tag-ulan" (1st day) Whole-day Makati City and Cavite ✱ Distribution of leaflets, conduct of mother's classes, and health worker training sessions.	
			Inquirer's "New Paper" Drive Ceremonial Turnover of Collected Newspapers 4:00 p.m. Phil. Daily Inquirer Office Lead coordinator: PDI (Envicom) ✱ A call to recycling-cum-fundraising by enjoining LCF members to sell old newspapers to PDI. New paper drive will be from June 5 to October 5.	LCF Annual Assembly 3:00 p.m. 44/f Executive Lounge Petron Megaplaza Lead coordinator: LCF Secretariat	
	Outside of Asian Forum				
	CNDR's Private Sector Consultation on Preparedness for Earthquake and Acts of Terrorism in Makati City 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. AmCham Hall, 2/f Corinthian Plaza Bldg., Paseo de Roxas corner Legaspi St., Makati City	Meralco Foundation's Bloodletting Activity MFI Atrium, MFI Bldg. Ortigas Ave. Ext. Quezon City			

*June 28: Toyota Foundation's Bloodletting Activity, Sta. Rosa, Laguna.
*June 25: Petron Foundation/ Philippine Resins Industries' Tree-Planting Activity ("Puno ng Buhay"), Roman Super Hi-way, Bataan.
*June 29: Petron Foundation's Tree-Planting Activity ("Puno ng Buhay"), South Super Hi-way, Makati City, and Dumarao, Capiz.
*July 12: Petron School Inauguration, Sta. Cruz, Tagoloan, Misamis Oriental.

BPI Express Cash for micro-finance borrowers

The Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI), the first bank to run outreach programs in local micro-finance, has tied up with the Tulay sa Pag-Unlad (TSPI) Development Corp., a leading micro-finance organization. BPI is offering its Express Cash card to TSPI's 40,000 borrowers, mostly woman micro-entrepreneurs, as a more convenient means of securing loans. The move is a first in the micro-finance industry and BPI's contribution for this year's Corporate Social Responsibility Week (July 1 to 8).

BPI Family Antipolo-Masinag branch was selected to pilot this joint effort. TSPI issues about 2,500 checks to its borrowers every six months from this branch alone. Thus, the BPI Express Cash card will function as an electronic check for TSPI borrowers. Soon other areas served by TSPI will be granted the Express Cash service.

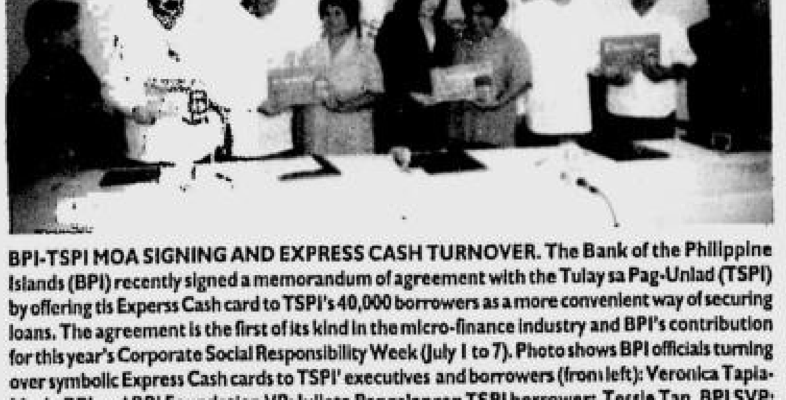
Instead of issuing checks to borrowers—an act which eventually requires encashment over-the-counter—an Express Cash card will be issued. All loan proceeds will then be credited by TSPI to the Express Cash cards that the beneficiaries are holding. The proceeds can be withdrawn in any BPI or BPI Family Bank ATM nationwide.

The use of the Express Cash card as an electronic check is another feture which demonstrates the product's social use—that of providing borrowers with a more convenient medium of transaction.

To the loan beneficiary, the Express Cash card eliminates encashment at the branch. He can go directly to the ATM and withdraw the money from there. He can get the proceeds anytime and not be limited to banking hours.

The TSPI, the Express Cash will save them the tedious task of cutting checks for the loan proceeds.

Indeed, by using its technology to help micro-enterprises and borrowers of TSPI, BPI further demonstrates and asserts its banking leadership as a tool in fulfilling its social commitment.



BPI-TSPI MOA SIGNING AND EXPRESS CASH TURNOVER. The Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI) recently signed a memorandum of agreement with the Tulay sa Pag-Unlad (TSPI) by offering tis Experss Cash card to TSPI's 40,000 borrowers as a more convenient way of securing loans. The agreement is the first of its kind in the micro-finance industry and BPI's contribution for this year's Corporate Social Responsibility Week (July 1 to 7). Photo shows BPI officials turning over symbolic Express Cash cards to TSPI' executives and borrowers (from left): Veronica Tapia-Merk, BPI and BPI Foundation VP; Julieta Pangalangan TSPI borrower; Tessie Tan, BPI SVP; Aniceta Rellermo TSPI borrower; Ruben de Lara, TSPI executive director Crescencia Brendo TSPI borrower; and Susan Trinidad, TSPI finance director.

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
Special PROJECT

LEAGUE OF CORPORATE FOUNDATIONS

Aggie Pinili, Account Manager
sprojects@inquirer.com.ph
Aries Espinosa, Editor

Corporate Social Responsibility Week

July 1-8, 2002

Messages

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

Corporate Social Responsibility Week comes at a most opportune time when the economy has recaptured its momentum of growth and the more enlightened private sector has recognized its affinity with the less fortunate sectors of society. Indeed, it is in reaching out to the poor and the marginalized communities that the private sector affirms that its viability and competitiveness are rooted on the productivity and well-being of the whole country.

I am gratified to note that the League of Corporate Foundations, faithful to its mandate of coordinating the CSR Week activities, has been working with other business associations and with the government agencies tasked with poverty reduction to present a consolidation of efforts in addressing the age-old problem of poverty. I am also cognizant of the initiative of the Asian Institute of Management - Ramon V. del Rosario Sr. Center for Corporate Responsibility, its organizing partners and some of the leading corporations, to widen the network of cooperating bodies in poverty alleviation through its "Asian Forum on CSR."

Ultimately, however, the battle against poverty can only be won if we are able to engage all sectors of society, the benefactors as well as the beneficiaries, in a common front that would take us to a more equitable and a more just sharing of economic opportunities, responsibilities and rewards.

GMArroyo
GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President

The League of Corporate Foundations is heartened by the increasingly widespread acceptance among the private sector, whether it involves large or smaller companies, of their social responsibility. The practice of Corporate Social Responsibility has inherent business logic in specific operational terms as it engenders environments hospitable to and supportive of business. Beyond that, Corporate Social Responsibility is aligned with global initiatives that seek to encourage and bring about a more humane, more sustainable and more productive world.

This year's Corporate Social Responsibility Week focus on poverty reduction recognizes that poverty, which is the root of most social ills, is so entrenched and tenacious that it cannot be defeated or moderated without the innovative strategizing and meticulous implementation that the private sector is most qualified to undertake, especially if the entire private sector decides to act in concert.

Thus, the Corporate Social Responsibility Week dedicates itself to a consolidated private sector program on poverty reduction. The LCF welcomes one and all who believe poverty can be put on the run within our lifetime.

MA. AURORA FRANCISCO TOLENTINO
Chair

LCF: Moving ahead in poverty reduction

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY is a concept that underlies the private sector's recognition that it has a role in helping create a more just, more caring, more equitable society.

Business accepts it has not only a financial bottomline but other bottomlines as well, social and environmental, among them. Companies are increasingly measured by their performance not only in generating returns for their investors and in creating jobs – although these are fundamental contributions — but also by the extent and quality of their participation in promoting society's well-being.

The League of Corporate Foundations was set up formally in November 1996 with the vision "to be the driving force in the formation of a highly committed business sector working effectively with communities and partner institutions towards the attainment of equitable and sustainable development."

It seeks to "harness the resources and strengthen the commitment of corporate foundations and their principals in pursuit of national development goals through greater Corporate Social Responsibility."

From a dozen or so members, LCF has grown to become a network of more than 50 corporate foundations and corporations working on social development programs in the Philippines.

As mandated by a presidential proclamation in 1998, LCF is the overall coordinating body to effectively supervise the activities during Corporate Social Responsibility Week.

CSR Week is observed every first week of July to highlight the contributions of corporations, corporate foundations and business organizations to the country's economic and social development, particularly in reducing poverty.

True to this mandate, the theme of CSR Week this year is "Moving ahead in poverty reduction." LCF is working with the leading business organizations towards putting together the consolidated private sector response to the problem of poverty.

The consolidation of this sector's programs in the past five years and their projected activities that address poverty in the next two years is seen as the initial step in a landmark effort. . It is a serious and continuing project to determine what private business has done and is doing, and what it hopes to do to help alleviate poverty.

The goal of reducing the rising incidence and arresting the adverse consequences of poverty is a central concern of the government as identified in its Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP), which is the principal development strategy paper of the administration.

The administration's program vehicle on poverty reduction is called "Kapitbisig Laban sa Kahirapan" (KALAHI), and the lead agencies for these are the Dept. of Social Work and Development (DSWD) and the National Anti-poverty Commission (NAPC). The Kalahi has identified the kinds of assistance packages, as well as their estimated costs, that are actually needed in specific barangay-level communities, initially in the National Capital Region and Regions III and IV, plus some of the more needy areas in the Visayas and Mindanao. .

Believing that poverty is a problem endemic to the Asia Pacific, LCF and partner organizations are reaching out to their counterparts in the region to learn and help one another in their approaches to poverty reduction and improving the quality of life of their target communities. This year, the first "Asian Forum on CSR" is being held during CSR Week in a Makati venue. It is organized by the Ramon V. del Rosario Sr. Asian Institute of Management Center for Corporate Responsibility and other organizing partners including LCF.

Another highlight of CSR Week is the presentation of the "Benchmarking Corporate Citizenship" study implemented by the Philippine Business for Social Progress and LCF with funding from Ford Foundation. The four-year study seeks to arrive at standards and measurements of a company's CSR programs in terms of their effectiveness in implementation and their impact on the company itself and its stakeholders.

LCF has operating committees in the areas of Education, Entrepreneurship, Environment, Health and Arts and Culture. Through these committees, LCF believes it addresses the problem of poverty and related issues in a more holistic manner, allowing sustainable and equitable development for all.

The Arts and Culture Committee goes one step further in dealing with poverty by looking at it not only as poverty in material goods but also as poverty of the spirit. Thus, it encourages interventions to preserve and propagate indigenous crafts and natural resources, particularly in a way that creates income opportunities for the communities.

The problem of poverty is so widespread and long-standing that it cannot be the concern only of companies and foundations. It needs the participation of all Filipinos who believe in a better tomorrow for the country.

Helping solve poverty through entrepreneurial development

HOW can the League of Corporate Foundations through its Entrepreneurial Development committee promote sustainable economic activities with their communities to minimize poverty?

This is the question that the committee addressed when the members met for their strategic planning meeting this year. The committee's focus has shifted over the years to address current issues. Next to education, enterprise development is the activity where most of the LCF members are engaged in.

However, there is no predominant mechanism that members engage in to promote enterprise development. More than 50 percent of its members give marginalized communities access to credit. The big players -- BPI Foundation, UCPB-CIIF, LANDBANK, PBSP — do wholesale lending through cooperative lending, financing coconut-based clients, and agribusiness operations in the countryside. Total funds available for lending just among these big players can easily be from a low of P500 million to a high of P800 million.

Bayan Microfinance is one of the most successful and innovative NGOs engaged in retailing small loans direct to their clients; to date amount disbursed has already reached P206 million. Sarmiento Foundation, on the other hand, has a medium-size operation focused in Bulacan with mostly women workers. They are experimenting with a model whereby corporate volunteers act as big brother to select clients who have the potential to expand their business. Philam Foundation together with Bayan Microfinance has launched a new product in community health called Bayancare. Shell through the SKP program has one of the most developed programs for0 the entrepreneur farmer with both a motivational program and on the ground extensive farm-based training.

Other members such as RFM foundation, Meralco, PSE, Splash are currently redefining their programs in this field. Aboitiz Foundation and Metro Pacific are very area-focused foundations that their microfinancing is merely a component of their total area development plan. Mirant's lighting up of 1,000 barangays will certainly facilitate greater entrepreneurial activities in these areas. Survey results show that in terms of impact, LCF members' micro-finance programs have reached 28,771 families and deployed P1, 525, 087, 000 in assets.

The innovative concepts that continue to challenge the committee is the concept of partnerships — among members, between business and communities, linkaging for marketing, technology transfer, and capacity building. It has successfully held meaningful dialogues that cut across sectors in microfinance, partnerships, linkaging, and community insurance.

Collaborative activities have been forged between two or more members, though identifying a common project still eludes it. It has held dialogues with the Microfinance Council, the Philippine Retailers Association, the Megma Foundation, and other NGOs such as the Foundation for Sustainable Societies, Inc. A focus group discussion on social entrepreneurship was recently held at the Filipinas Heritage Library in collaboration with the AIM, School of Development Management and the Conference of Asian Foundations and Organizations (CAFO).

A research team has been organized to map out precisely the ongoing efforts in this challenging field. It is our hope that the mapping exercise will identify the gaps in the program and eventually identify the most strategic area for collaboration. Venture philanthropy and social entrepreneurship are new concepts coming to play in the world of non-profits. It sounds incongruous but the reality is that sustained economic growth and education are the long-term solutions to poverty alleviation.

League of Corporate Foundations
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES
Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Week
July 1 - 8, 2002

Mon - Jul 1	Tue - Jul 2	Wed - Jul 3	Thu - Jul 4	Fri - Jul 5	Sat - Jul 6
	Asian Forum on CSR				
Launching of "Project Tulungan sa Paaralan" 9 00 a m Silangan Elem School Upper Bicutan, Taguig Lead coordinator ComEd **Petron Foundation's Launching of "Tulong Aral ng Petron"** 2 00 p m Tenement Elem School Upper Bicutan, Taguig **Zuellig Foundation's Health Leadership Management Program (Training Series on Managing Change)** 9 00 a m - 12 00 n n Sunrise Holiday Mansion Royale Tagaytay Estates San Alfonso, Cavite	**Opening of the Asian CSR Expo** Dusit Hotel * Visit the LCF Photo Exhibit on Poverty Reduction Initiatives Lead coordinator Arts & Culture Committee	**Plenary with Her Excellency President Gloria M. Arroyo** 10 00 a m Dusit Hotel * Presentation of the Consolidated Private Sector Response to Poverty Reduction Lead coordinator LCF Secretariat **Benchmarking Corporate Citizenship** 2 00 3 30 p m Dusit Hotel * Presentation of CSR tools and best practices Lead coordinators PBSP & LCF **Closing Dinner** 6 00 p m Philippine National Museum * Launching of PBSP's "A Guide to Strategic Corporate Giving in the Philippines"	**Sun Life Financial's Nationwide Bloodletting Activity with PNRC Governor Rosa Rosal** 8 00 a m - 5 00 p m. Macaulay Room, 11/f The Enterprise Center Tower II **Petron Foundation's Bloodletting Activity for Petron Employees** 8 00 12 00 n n 34/f Petron MegaPlaza **Petron Foundation's Launching of "Tulong Aral ng Petron"** 9 00 a m Pilar Village Elem School Almanza, Las Piñas **Metrobank Foundation's Mass Bloodletting Activity for Metrobank Employees** 1 00 6 00 p m Metrobank Plaza Auditorium **Inquirer's "New Paper" Drive Ceremonial Turnover of Collected Newspapers** 4 00 p m Phil Daily Inquirer Office Lead coordinator PDI (Envicom) * A call to recycling-cum-fundraising by enjoining LCF members to sell old newspapers to PDI. New paper drive will be from June 5 to October 5.	**Smoke Emission Testing** 8 00 a m Nichols Toll Plaza A Lead coordinators ABS CBN Foundation, Andres Soriano Foundation, Petron Foundation, Toyota Foundation (Envicom) **Splash Foundation's Turnover of 2 Life-Saving Equipment & the new Pediatric Treatment Room and Pediatric Resident Doctors' Lounge** 10 00 a m Gift-giving to Pediatric Patients 11 00 a m East Ave. Medical Center, QC **Medical Mission to Sitio Puting Bato, Navotas (Nutrition Month) with DOH Secretary Manuel Dayrit** 11 00 a m Lead coordinator Metrobank Foundation (HealthCom) **Intel's Health Education Campaign, "Iwas Sakit sa Tag-ulan" (1st day)** Whole-day Makati City and Cavite * Distribution of leaflets, conduct of mother's classes, and health worker training sessions **LCF Annual Assembly** 3 00 p m 44/f Executive Lounge Petron Megaplaza Lead coordinator LCF Secretariat	**La Mesa Watershed Tree-Planting** 8 00 a m Lead coordinator ABS CBN Foundation (Envicom) **Meralco Foundation's Tree-Planting Activity** Taisay Batangas **Intel's Health Education Campaign, "Iwas Sakit sa Tag-ulan" (2nd day)** Whole day Makati City and Cavite
	Outside of Asian Forum				
	CNDR's Private Sector Consultation on Preparedness for Earthquake and Acts of Terrorism in Makati City 1 00 - 5 00 p m AmCham Hall, 2/f Corinthian Plaza Bldg., Paseo de Roxas corner Legaspi St., Makati City	**Meralco Foundation's Bloodletting Activity** MFI Atrium, MFI Bldg Ortigas Ave. Ext. Quezon City			

*June 28 Toyota Foundation's Bloodletting Activity Sta. Rosa, Laguna
*June 28 Petron Foundation/ Philippine Resins Industries' Tree-Planting Activity ("Puno ng Buhay"), Roman Super Hi-way, Bataan.
*June 29 Petron Foundation's Tree Planting Activity ("Puno ng Buhay"), South Super Hi-way, Makati City, and Dumarao, Capiz
*July 12 Petron School Inauguration, Sta. Cruz, Tagoloan, Misamis Oriental

BPI Express Cash for micro-finance borrowers

The Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI), the first bank to run outreach programs in local micro-finance, has tied up with the Tulay sa Pag-Unlad (TSPI) Development Corp., a leading micro-finance organization. BPI is offering its Express Cash card to TSPI's 40,000 borrowers, mostly woman micro-entrepreneurs, as a more convenient means of securing loans. The move is a first in the micro-finance industry and BPI's contribution for this year's Corporate Social Responsibility Week (July 1 to 8).

BPI Family Antipolo-Masinag branch was selected to pilot this joint effort. TSPI issues about 2,500 checks to its borrowers every six months from this branch alone. Thus, the BPI Express Cash card will function as an electronic check for TSPI borrowers. Soon other areas served by TSPI will be granted the Express Cash service.

Instead of issuing checks to borrowers—an act which eventually requires encashment over the counter—an Express Cash card will be issued. All loan proceeds will then be credited by TSPI to the Express Cash cards that the beneficiaries are holding. The proceeds can be withdrawn in any BPI or BPI Family Bank ATM nationwide.

The use of the Express Cash card as an electronic check is another feture which demonstrates the product's social use -that of providing borrowers with a more convenient medium of transaction.

To the loan beneficiary, the Express Cash card eliminates encashment at the branch. He can go directly to the ATM and withdraw the money from there. He can get the proceeds anytime and not be limited to banking hours.

The TSPI, the Express Cash will save them the tedious task of cutting checks for the loan proceeds.

Indeed, by using its technology to help micro-enterprises and borrowers of TSPI, BPI further demonstrates and asserts its banking leadership as a tool in fulfilling its social commitment.

BPI ExpressCash
sa Pag-

BPI-TSPI MOA SIGNING AND EXPRESS CASH TURNOVER. The Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI) recently signed a memorandum of agreement with the Tulay sa Pag-Unlad (TSPI) by offering tis Experss Cash card to TSPI's 40,000 borrowers as a more convenient way of securing loans. The agreement is the first of its kind in the micro-finance industry and BPI's contribution for this year's Corporate Social Responsibility Week (July 1 to 7). Photo shows BPI officials turning over symbolic Express Cash cards to TSPI' executives and borrowers (from left): Veronica Tapia-Merk, BPI and BPI Foundation VP; Julieta Pangalangan TSPI borrower; Tessie Tan, BPI SVP; Aniceta Rellermo TSPI borrower; Ruben de Lara, TSPI executive director Crescencia Brendo TSPI borrower; and Susan Trondad TSPI finance director

9th
Johnson & Johnson
Outstanding
Midwives
Award of the
Philippines

Johnson & Johnson and the Filipino Midwives:
A Partnership for Improved Maternal and Child Health Care

Midwives play a major role in the delivery of health care services to mothers, children and the rest of the community. Especially in the rural areas where midwives represent the "front line" of government health service, because there are not enough doctors and nurses in these areas.

The promotion of maternal and child health care has always been a top priority of Johnson & Johnson. In 1994, Johnson & Johnson (Philippines), Inc. sponsored the first Johnson & Johnson Outstanding Midwives Award of the Philippines with the Integrated Midwives Association of the Philippines and the Department of Health.

The award program, now on its 9th year, has brought long overdue recognition for midwives. It has also helped raise the standards in the delivery of midwifery service and boosted personal initiative in undertaking community health programs.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN ACTION

Johnson & Johnson Philippines Inc.   JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICA   Johnson & Johnson MEDICAL PHILIPPINES

LCF MEMBERS

1. Aboitiz Group Foundation
2. ABS-CBN Bayan Foundation
3. ABS-CBN Foundation
4. The Andres Soriano Foundation
5. Antonio & Eduardo Roxas Gargollo Foundation
6. Aweca Foundation
7. AY Foundation
8. Ayala Foundation
9. Bato-Balani Foundation
10. BPI Foundation
11. CAP Foundation for Socio-Economic Cooperation
12. Coca-Cola Foundation Philippines
13. Corporate Network for Disaster Response
14. Del Monte Foundation
15. Drugmakers Laboratories Foundation
16. Figaro Foundation Corporation
17. Fort Bonifacio Development Foundation
18. Insular Life Foundation
19. Intel Philippines Manufacturing
20. Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation
21. Johnson & Johnson Philippines
22. La Tondena Foundation
23. Landbank Countryside Development Foundation
24. Leslie Foundation
25. Marsman Foundation
26. Meralco Foundation
27. Metrobank Foundation
28. Metro Pacific Foundation
29. Mirant Philippines Foundation
30. Mondragon Foundation
31. Nestlé Philippines
32. PACEMCO Foundation
33. Petron Foundation
34. Pfizer Philippines Foundation
35. PH Domain Foundation
36. Philam Foundation
37. Philippine Business for Social Progress
38. Philippine Daily Inquirer
39. Philippine Resins Industries
40. Philippine Stock Exchange Foundation
41. Phinma Foundation
42. Pilipinas Shell Foundation
43. PLDT Foundation
44. RFM Foundation
45. San Miguel Foundation
46. Sarmiento Foundation
47. SGV Foundation
48. Sky Foundation
49. SM Foundation
50. Splash Foundation
51. Sun Life Financial
52. Toyota Motor Philippines Foundation
53. UCPB-CIIF Foundation
54. Villar Foundation
55. Zuellig Foundation

Splash supports East Avenue Medical Center

FOR about four years now, Splash Foundation, Inc. through its SAGIP SAKIT program, has been assisting indigent pediatric patients confined at the charity wards of East Avenue Medical Center.

Assistance means supplying the prescribed medicines to the patient from the day of referral until recommended for discharge, which may take a week or more than a month, depending upon the nature of the illness. Assistance also means visiting the child at least twice a week, giving comfort to the patient and caregivers, discussing with the attending physician and monitoring the development of the child.

During this year's celebration of the Corporate Social Responsibility Week, SFI again show its continuing commitment of support to EAMC by donating two life saving hospital equipment and has also adopted the Pediatric Treatment Room and The Pediatric Resident's Lounge of the East Avenue Medical Center in Quezon City.

The two sets of life saving equipment are the Pulse Oximeter and the Electro Cardiogram that will be stationed at the new Pediatric Treatment Room. These equipment will help doctors in monitoring pediatric patients with respiratory and cardiac problems.

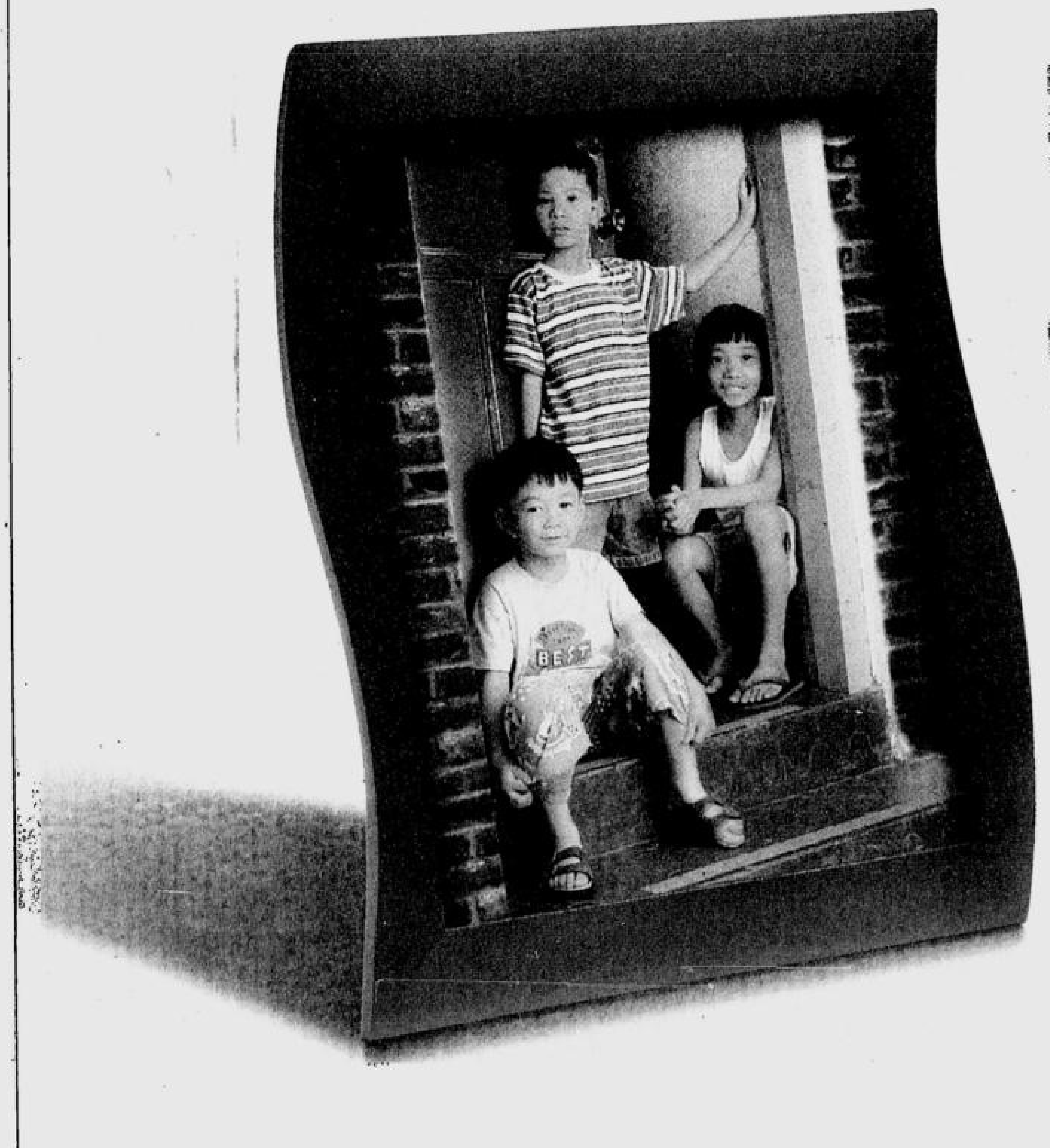
The all new well-lighted Pediatric Treatment Room has been provided with a modern look with four colored beds, children painted walls and easy to pull carts that will carry the Pulse Oximeter and the Electro Cardiogram to any of the four beds.

The Pediatric Resident Doctors' Lounge will serve as a small conference room where the resident doctors meet to discuss matters about their patient's conditions.

Dr. Ricardo Gonzales, EAMC hospital director, welcomed these donations, as these will truly be of help to the hospital. He says, "*this hospital is here to save lives and we are thankful for Splash Foundation to be our partner in this vision*"

Dr. Manuel Dayrit, Health Secretary and Mayor Sonny Belmonte, Quezon City Mayor has been invited to grace the turn over ceremonies.

Gift giving activity to the pediatric patients will follow after the turn over ceremonies.



" Inyong maasahan, mas magandang kinabukasan."

At the Splash Foundation, Inc., we're giving more to less privileged Filipinos, because we are Filipino.

Livelihood programs for the unemployed. Hospitalization for needy children. Community medical outreach programs. Scholarships. Charity missions. Lahat ng pagkakawang-gawa ng Splash Foundation ay hango sa paniniwalang kung may dapat tulungan, unahin dapat ang ating kababayan. Kaya naman sa larangan ng tulungan, di pahuhuli ang Splash.

SPLASH
FOUNDATION INC.

Member: League of Corporate Foundations

Beyond Today, Beyond Energy

MIRANT

Bringing more smiles to the islands...

Through our Project BEACON (Barangay Electrification Assistance for Countryside Development), we are providing electricity to 1,000 isolated barangays nationwide.
Seizing opportunities to build strategic infrastructure for electricity, we are igniting economic development for the country.
Forging valuable partnership with the country, we are elevating the quality of life of the Filipino.
Pioneering ventures to support local industries, we are enhancing the livelihood of our communities.
Lighting homes, enlightening minds, empowering lives to build a nation.

We are Mirant Philippines.

Mirant Philippines

www.mirant.com
externalaffairs.manila@mirant.com

One hour for the Filipino child

ONE hour may be all it takes to make a difference in the lives of millions of Filipino youth.

Following its successful millennium campaign in 1999, Children's Hour will once again appeal to every working individual and company to make a donation for the benefit of abused and disadvantaged children. The Ayala Group through its social development arm, Ayala Foundation, Inc., is set to launch the 2002 campaign for the Children's Hour in August.

Children's Hour works on the premise that a tremendous impact can be made if every working individual and company donate at least an hour's worth of their earnings.

In 1999, the Children's Hour Millennium Fund raised a total of P40 million and benefited nearly 100,000 children and youth through organizations such as the Bantay Bata 163, Child Protection Unit of the Philippine General Hospital, Tabang Mindanaw, International Deaf Education Association, and Tuloy sa Don Bosco Street Children Project. Beneficiaries of the campaign are involved in rehabilitation and prevention of child abuse, educational programs, shelter, feeding programs, and health and medical services.

12
3
6
9
children's
hour

This year, Children's Hour steering committee chairman and Ayala Corporation president and CEO Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala II and Vice-Chair and ABS-CBN Foundation Managing Director Gina Lopez are inviting other business leaders to champion the cause of the Filipino child through the continued participation of their companies and employees. The 2002 campaign hopes to repeat the success of the Millennium Fund, nearly half of which was contributed by employees through salary deduction. With the commitment of such organizations, companies, and individuals, Children's Hour will be able to sustain meaningful programs for more Filipino children.

FUELING SUPPORT TO THE PROGRAMS

AT THE heart of ensuring the success of these projects is the support coming from its employees — its most dependable partners. In the case of TULONG ARAL ng PETRON, employees from all Petron offices and facilities nationwide have unselfishly given monetary contributions. Others have committed to volunteer work in implementing the program. Still others managed to find creative ways of giving. A number of employees have pledged to donate in varying forms: one hour's salary for one year, an hour while employed, an hour until the program's lifetime. "This is a chance for us to leave a legacy behind to our children," said Petron Chairman Nicasio I. Alcantara, the programs' chief architect and avid supporter. "Happily, our employees realize this unique opportunity and have responded with admirable zest through their financial and personal support."

Getting by with a lot of help from our friends

The generosity has not been confined within Petron. Friends and partners of the company are also pitching in, among them The HERMA Group who immediately opened their hearts – and their checkbooks — with a bighearted donation, and the Petron Dealers Association, or PETDA, which also turned over their cash donation and are still raising more funds. A partnership with ABS-CBN Foundation's Bantay Kinabukasan program will provide schooling for the children in depressed communities in Commonwealth, Q.C.

You're in good hands with
METROBANK

You are made to excel!
METROBANK FOUNDATION, INC.
Member: League of Corporate Foundations, Inc.

Dr. George S. K. Ty, Chairman of Metrobank and the Metrobank Foundation, shown with 22 Metrobank scholars who graduated with Latin honors, including five Magna cum Laude; receiving a token of appreciation from Ms. Janet H. Blas of UST, while Mrs. Mary Vy-Ty, MBFI President Dr. Placido L. Mapa, Jr. and MBFI Executive Director Mr. Aniceto M. Sobrepeña (partly hidden), looking on; encouraging the graduates to give something back to society; and congratulating Mr. Jasper Ian Munji, recipient of San Beda College's Rector's Award.

Celebrating Excellence

The road to excellence is tough, but the rewards are enormous.

Four years ago, the Metrobank Foundation awarded scholarship grants to outstanding students on the basis of their exemplary academic records and great potential for further scholastic achievements. Now empowered by baccalaureate degrees, they finally claimed the dividends of their hard work and commitment to excellence.

One such student is Florenz Tugas, the sixth child of a government employee who dreamt of being an accountant someday. Inspired by the sacrifices of his father, who had to raise seven children when Florenz' mother died when he was 15, Florenz finished elementary and high school at the top of his class. Last March, he romped with all the major awards at the Ateneo de Davao University, including the Justice and Faith Award and the Leadership Award, aside from being adjudged the Most Outstanding Accountancy student of the Philippines. He believes that as an accountant, he can help not just his family but also our country achieve greater economic progress.

Once again, we take time to salute Florenz and the rest of our Metrobank scholars. Even as we honor their individual and collective accomplishments, we celebrate excellence and the promise it has brought into their lives.

Florenz C. Tugas
Class Valedictorian, Ateneo de Davao University
Magna cum Laude
National Finalist, The Outstanding Students of the Philippines
Metrobank scholar

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (CSP)
MEMBERS OF CLASS 2002

Assistance for the Completion of College Education for Superior Students (ACCESS)
Abellano, Gina S. (MDC)
Abrazado, Marycel C. (MDC)
Aguilar, Annalyn G. (FEU) - Cum Laude
Antonio, Madelyn L. (AdZU)
Arsua, Benjamin L. (XU)
Asuncion, Joewayne M. (MDC)
Bering, Irving P. (USJ-R) - Cum Laude
Blas, Janet H. (UST) - Magna Cum Laude
Bonbon, Michelle V. (MDC)
Briosos, Ma. Angelica M. (MDC)
Cabuga, Ester M. (CEU)
Delos Reyes, Travis Ryan J. (NDU)
Duldulao, Henson Jesus A. (SBC) - Academic Distinction
Espenilla, Christopher T. (SLU) - Magna Cum Laude
Florida, Carl Hill L. (SU)
Gubaton, Florentino T. (NDU)
Guevara, Ronaldo C. (DLSU) - Magna Cum Laude
Jabonero, Christopher M. (AdDU) - Cum Laude
Jaranilla, Christal B. (USA)
Javier, Israel C. (UST) - Cum Laude
Laurente, Mark Lester P. (FEU)
Luna, Racquel N. (FEU) - Cum Laude
Macapili, Rogina V. (AdZU) - Cum Laude
Magtibay, Joselito M. (DLSU) - Honorable Mention
Manangu, Iloisa S. (CEU)
Munji, Jasper Ian D. (SBC) - Academic Distinction
Ngo, Deserie D. (NDU)
Nuico, Jan Michael B. (SU)
Ortega, Ma. Eloisa E. (AdZU)
Padua, Grace Angelie D. (MDC)
Parico, Rizza Jane J. (DLSU)
Pasco, Ruben Casimiro III U. (NDU)
Peloton, Nelson Jr. R. (AdDU) - Cum Laude
Perez, May K. (CEU)
Piansay, Ma. Theresa M. (USA) - Academic Distinction
Publico, Cecille Marie C. (SU)
Quijano, Oliver P. (DLSU) - Honorable Mention
Redilosa, Emmylou M. (USJ-R) - Magna Cum Laude
Reniedo, Arnel B. (AdMU)
Sirue, Riza M. (USA) - Academic Distinction
Sison, Melissa S. (UST) - Cum Laude
Tandag, Caesar Eddielino B. (USJ-R) - Magna Cum Laude
Tandog, Frances Cyrille F. (AdMU)
Tugas, Florenz C. (AdDU) - Magna Cum Laude
Uyanguren, Edgie B. (AdDU)

Excellence in Teaching Program (ETP)
Aguilar, Adonna A. (WVSU) - Cum Laude
Aureo, Indira C. (LNU) - Cum Laude
Bumanglag, Ma. Rosario B. (PNU) - Cum Laude
Campos, Rosa Lynn A. (LNU) - Cum Laude
Chavez, Annaliza A. (PNU) - Cum Laude
Corral, Heide Flor M. (WVSU) - Cum Laude
Felecio, Mary Ann C. (LNU) - Cum Laude
Ignacio, Berhana T. (WMSU)
Lagdamen, Mary Paz L.
Laus, Joy M. (SLU) - Cum Laude
Marata, Jerjay A. (WMSU) - Cum Laude
Mendoza, Josie P.
Salvador, Frances Aleli C. (SPU)
Siddik, Juvey A. (WMSU)

Grants in Aid of College Education (GRACE)
Abella, Reymar I. (MMSU)
Angeles, Gareth C. (UPHR)
Angeles, Reymar M. (HAU)
Arandia, Michelle M. (MIT)
Awao, Mike F. (UB)
Bailla, Kristine Joy B. (CPU)
Benito, Gemma T. (MIT)
Delos Angeles, Marilyn G. (FEU)
Fajardo, Nancy C. (CEU)
Formilles, Niel J. (UC)
Fuertez, Shei Audrey R. (AdMU)
Go, Armando H. (MIT) - Cum Laude
Jader, Ma. Cynthia S. (MSEUF)
Lagrazon, Melvin P. (MSEUF)
Madronero, Rosanna C. (CEU)
Manlunas, Elizabeth O. (UC)
Masiclat, Marlon T. (HAU)
Quiambao, Harold O. (HAU)
Rabe, Eduardo P. (MSEUF)
Simon, Leo Carl F. (MMSU)
Sudcalen, Florence F. (UB)

List of Partner Schools
ACCESS
Ateneo de Davao University (AdDU), Davao City
Ateneo de Manila University (AdMU), Quezon City
Ateneo de Zamboanga University (AdZU), Zamboanga City
Centro Escolar University (CEU), Manila
De La Salle University (DLSU), Manila
Far Eastern University (FEU), Manila
Manila Doctors College (MDC), Manila
Notre Dame University (NDU), Cotabato City
San Beda College (SBC), Manila
Silliman University (SU), Dumaguete City
St. Louis University (SLU), Baguio City
University of San Agustin (USA), Cebu City
University of San Carlos (USC), Cebu City
University of San Jose-Recoletos (USJ-R), Cebu City
University of Santo Tomas (UST), Manila
University of the East (UE), Manila
Xavier University (XU), Cagayan de Oro City

ETP
Leyte Normal University (LNU), Tacloban City
Notre Dame of Marbel University (NDMU), South Cotabato
Philippine Normal University (PNU), Manila
St. Louis University (SLU), Baguio City
St. Paul University (SPU), Tuguegarao City
West Visayas State University (WVSU), Iloilo City
Western Mindanao State University (WMSU), Zamboanga City

GRACE
Central Philippine University (CPU), Iloilo City
Centro Escolar University (CEU), Malolos, Bulacan
Holy Angel University (HAU), Angeles City
Manuel S. Enverga University Foundation (MSEUF), Lucena City
Mapua Institute of Technology (MIT), Manila
Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU), Batac, Ilocos Norte
University of Baguio (UB), Baguio City
University of Perpetual Help of Rizal (UPHR), Las Piñas
Urios College (UC), Butuan City

Pfizer
Life is our life's work
DOH Doctors to the Barrios - AGSB Health Unit-
Memorandum of Agreement Signing
Manil

Tripartite partnership for health

A TRIPARTITE partnership with the Department of Health (DOH), the Ateneo Graduate School of Business (AGSB) and Pfizer Philippines Foundation was recently forged to implement an innovative project called the Leaders of Health. The multi-million project, was made possible through a grant from Pfizer Foundation in New York and Pfizer Philippines Foundation, Inc. Through the Leaders for Health Project, the three partners hope to contribute to the community by developing a corps of competent, professional and committed leaders who will provide effective and strategic leadeship in various levels of the Philippine healthcare system.

The project aims to take a more comprehensive and systematic approach to the challenges facing the Philippine health sector by enabling doctors participating in the project to earn a masters degree in Health Care Management . Equally important, the project has a separate but parallel track for the local chief executives and community leaders who will undergo their own capacity enhancement workshops that will provide them with the basic knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary for building and strengthening sustainable health systems in their municipalities. All these programs will be run by the Health Unit of the Ateneo Graduate School of Business.

Shown in the photo sealing the private-public partnership are from left to right, Rey Gerardo E. Bacarro, president & Country Manager-Pfizer, inc.; Secretary Manuel M. Dayrit-DOH and Dr. Alfredo R.A. Bengzon, Dean-Ateneo Graduate School of Business

Project Tulungan sa Paaralan

BASED on information gathered by the LCF, 82 percent of its members have been actively involved in the education sector either as donors or direct implementers of programs. There are programs that directly benefit students such as scholarships, educational loans, provision of school supplies and uniforms, supplemental feeding, and awards for outstanding students. Others directly benefit teachers and/or school administrators, such as training programs, scholarships, and awards for outstanding teachers.

A good number of these programs are designed to improve the capability of the schools to deliver quality education. Examples are the construction of school buildings, classrooms and toilets, distribution of school desks and books, setting up of computer laboratories with Internet access, and provision of access to cable television and audio-visual teaching materials.

This year, LCF members with education programs have agreed to put their services together to help a school in a poverty-stricken area in Metro Manila. The project, dubbed "Project Tulungan sa Paaralan," will consist of a package of services regularly offered by LCF members to their partner schools. The components of the package are determined by the actual needs of the selected school. After an extensive selection process, the Silangan Elementary School (Annex) in Maharlika Village, Upper Bicutan, Taguig has been chosen as the recipient of the project.

The project objectives are: (1.) to improve the capability of the selected school in a poverty-stricken area to deliver quality education to their pupils; (2.) to give pupils belonging to the poorest families what they need to cope with the demands of their studies; (3.) and to provide LCF members a venue for getting together and doing joint projects.

Education through connectEd.ph

ConnectEd.ph is a private sector program in support of the PCs for Public Schools project, which provides public high schools across the Philippines with computer laboratories, software training and education, local area networks, and internet or e-mail connections. Each computer laboratory is equipped with 10 to 20 Pentium computers.

ConnectEd.ph is managed by a consortium of private corporations and foundations, each one responsible for providing one of the key six components of the project: personal computers, LAN servers and peripherals, software, training and education, and internet connectivity and domain names. ConnectEd.ph unites the efforts of various partners to ensure that a complete package is made and donated to public high schools across the country. While there are instances when only one partner provides an entire package — from hardware to internet connection — more often than not, two or more partners pool resources to provide a complete package.

To ensure the success of the program, public schools and local communities are required to provide counterpart support and funding for such items as airconditioning, wiring, proper lighting, and uninterrupted power supply; an annual maintenance budget; a monthly appropriation for lighting, telephone, and internet connections, and other equipment and furniture to support a computer laboratory.

After being identified, potential recipient schools undergo a thorough review that assesses their capability to provide the local counterpart support and funding required.

ctEd.ph
connectEd.ph

Although the list of connectEd.ph partners and donors grows daily, so do the number of recipient schools. If your company is willing to donate in cash or kind, please call the connectEd.ph secretariat at 750-7405 or 750-7406. More information can be found in their website at www.connected.ph.

Corporations are invited to donate new or used computers with the following minimum configurations:

- 166 Mhz processor (Pentium class or equivalent)
- 32 MB RAM on board
- 1.44 MB floppy disk drive
- At least 600 MB hard disk
- 101 enhanced keyboard
- 14 inch SGVA colored monitor

This configuration enables teachers and students to use current software, thus better preparing students for today's work environment

LIFE-GIVING RAYS OF THE SUN

A secure future. A sound investment. A life well planned and lived. These are the gifts of Sun Life Financial to millions of people around the world.

But there is more. The company also radiates its rays to areas beyond financial services, like the improvement of educational research and providing for people's health care, ensuring their social welfare, and enhancing their culture. This is a corporate social responsibility that Sun Life Financial carries out throughout the world.

AKLAN CHAPTER

In the Philippines, Sun Life Financial fulfills this corporate social responsibility through S.H.A.R.E.S. or Sharing Hope And Resources for Education & Social Services.

For 10 years now, S.H.A.R.E.S., through the Sun Life of Canada Actuarial Scholarship Grant, has been providing access to higher education in order to lift the professional standing of Filipino actuaries to a level comparable to those in advanced territories in the West and Asia Pacific. The Grant takes care of the tuition, required books, monthly miscellaneous expenses and examination fees in writing actuarial professional examinations under the Society of Actuaries Program (US) and the Actuarial Society of the Philippines.

Sun Life of Canada
What a Difference the Sun Makes!

Sun Life S.H.A.R.E.S. likewise supports the Father James F. Donelan Chair in Business Ethics at the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) as part of the company-wide commitment to business ethics.

In the field of health and medical research, Sun Life S.H.A.R.E.S. has become a strong ally of the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) with the annual nationwide blood donor campaign of employees and agents. The campaign generates thousands of units of blood for the Red Cross Blood Bank; benefiting those who are in dire need of blood in hospitals and calamity areas nationwide.

Furthermore agents consistently extend financial assistance to children afflicted with Leukemia through Hallmark LIFE cards fund. They also work with various civic organizations that help and protect the youth, like the recent "Safe Water for a Healthy Child" program of the Rotary Club of San Juanico, which provided drinking fountains to schoolchildren.

Sun Life S.H.A.R.E.S. is a venue for the company and for employees and agents to help develop much needed community services throughout the country. These services help bring back the dignity in people's lives in the face of tragedies, like the El Niño in Mindanao and the garbage disaster in Payatas. These selfless souls have, time and again, breathed life into the word "volunteerism," and alleviated the lives of countless people as a result. The same spirit of volunteerism helped build hundreds of Habitat for Humanity homes for Jimmy Carter Work Project '99 Program, and for Youth Build 2002.

Sun Life S.H.A.R.E.S. has been and continues to be an important part of the Sun Life Financial business in the Philippines and around the world. By enriching the lives of others, we enrich ourselves.

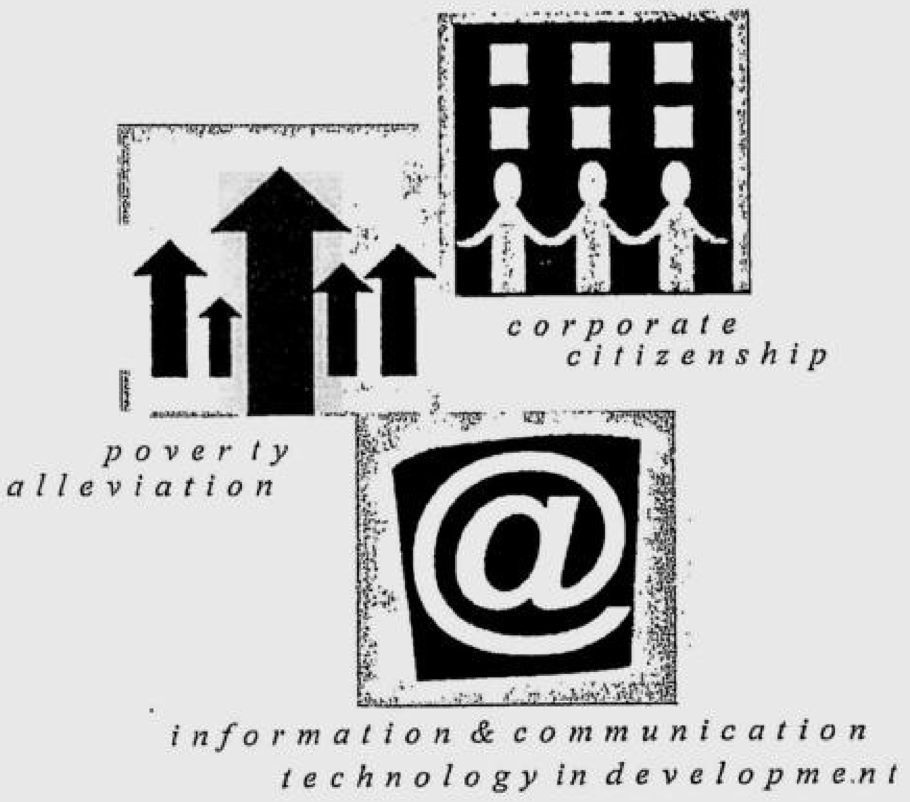
Member of the League of Corporate Foundations

Celebrating Corporate Social Responsibility Week
July 1-7, 2002

Sun Life Financial

In the Philippines, Sun Life Financial is represented by Sun Life of Canada (Philippines), Inc., for individual and group life insurance products; Sun Life Asset Management Co., Inc., for the management and distribution of Sun Life Prosperity Funds; and Sun Life Financial Plans, Inc., for pension and education plans.

The Other Side of Business


corporate citizenship
poverty alleviation
information & communication technology in development

Helping People Help Themselves

Philippine Business for Social Progress
A Corporate-led Social Development Foundation

PSDC Bldg., Real cor. Magallanes Sts., Intramuros, Manila
www.pbsp.org.ph

The LCF Communications and Supplements Team

Mike Villa-Real, *Chair*
Dulce Festin Baybay, *Co-Chair*
Elaine Go-Mapa
Iquit Lintag
Allan Victorino
Celine Madamba
Nicole Tria Tirona
Nyla Prieto
Bong Villamor
Fiona Ting
Art Cariaga

LCF COMMITTEES

ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE
Chair : **Max G. Ventura**
Assistant Exec. Director, PHILAM FOUNDATION
Co-Chair : **Dannie R. Alvarez**
Ayala Museum Business & Operations Manager, AYALA FOUNDATION

HEALTH COMMITTEE
Chair : **Glecy C. Cuenco**
VP and General Manager, AY FOUNDATION
Co-Chair : **Iquit M. Lintag**
HR-PR & Communications Manager, SUN LIFE FINANCIAL

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Chair : **Rina Lopez-Bautista**
Executive Director, SKY FOUNDATION
Co-Chair : **Tina B. Lagbao**
Project Officer, COCA-COLA FOUNDATION

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Chair : **Mon Ventura Jr.**
Project Officer, TOYOTA MOTOR PHILIPPINES FOUNDATION
Co-Chair : **Nicole C. Tria Tirona**
Assistant Exec. Director, THE ANDRES SORIANO FOUNDATION

ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Chair : **Lydia P. Sarmiento-Enrile**
President & Executive Director, SARMIENTO FOUNDATION
Co-Chair : **Irma L. Cosico**
External Relations Manager, ABS-CBN BAYAN FOUNDATION

RESEARCH & TRAINING COMMITTEE
Chair : **Mon R. Derige**
Associate Director for Operations, PHILIPPINE BUSINESS FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS

PFIZER PHILIPPINES FOUNDATION AT 5:

Building Partnerships for a Healthier Nation

At Pfizer, Community is a core value, one that is practiced every day – from Pfizer's world headquarters in New York City to communities around the world – including the Philippines. Pfizer believes in strengthening and enhancing the quality of life for children, families and individuals. It undertakes activities to ensure that every country and community in which it operates is a better place to live and work.

In all that it does, Pfizer leverages the company's core competencies as a research-based healthcare company dedicated to discovering and developing products that extend and enhance people's lives. To manifest Pfizer Philippines' corporate commitment to serving the public good, the Pfizer Philippines Foundation, Inc. (PPFI) was created.

Pfizer Philippines Foundation New Directions

Intent on bringing relevant change to the community where it operates, the Pfizer Philippines Foundation, Inc. has taken on a sharper focus. It continues to find forward-thinking approaches to create opportunities for those in need.

Life is our life's work.

www.pfizer.com.ph

Access to Health Info

- Medical Information Centers at Philippine General Hospital, Philippine Heart Center and University of Santo Tomas Hospital to help doctors get knowledge on time and empower patients
- Provides real-time access to a wealth of information including the 25 medical websites that Pfizer has developed in collaboration with the country's leading medical organizations

Community-based Philanthropy

- United Way International Partnership to provide disaster relief operations during calamities
- Regular Medical and Dental Missions
- Pfizer Employees Philantrophy Program
- Support of Department of Health programs including its *Polio Eradication Campaign, World Health Day and Doctors to the Barrios Project*

Developing Health Leaders

The Pfizer Foundation formed a tripartite partnership with the Department of Health (DOH) and the Ateneo Graduate School of Business (AGSB) to implement an innovative project called the Leaders for Health (LHP).

Through the Leaders for Health project, the three partners hope to be able to contribute to the poorest barrios by developing a corps of competent, professional and committed leaders who will provide effective and strategic leadership in various levels of the Philippine healthcare system.

A year-round celebration for the environment

FOR THE League of Corporate Foundations' (LCF) Environment Committee, the task of fostering private sector initiatives towards protecting and enhancing the environment is a year-round undertaking. That is why 2001 was a busy year for the team, which oversaw two mangrove reforestations, seven tree planting activities, five coastal cleanups, a series of smoke emission tests, a newspaper recycling drive, exhibits on waste management and participation in Earth Day and Environment Day celebrations.

For a group that counts as active members the ABS-CBN Foundation, Andres Soriano Foundation, Ayala Foundation, Bonifacio Foundation, Petron Foundation, Philippine Business for Social Progress, Philippine Daily Inquirer, and Toyota Motor Philippines Foundation, keeping the environment healthy remains a daunting and never-ending task.

Still, this partnership of corporate foundations and CSR-driven businesses remains dedicated to an advocacy for nature. In celebrating Earth Month 2002, the EnviCom gathered member organizations and concerned parties to get a better appreciation of the United Nations' Global Compact for the environment, with UNDP's Dr. Terrence Jones. For the 3rd Corporate Social Responsibility Week, the EnviCom will gather volunteers to take part in a Mangrove Planting along Roxas Boulevard in Manila, a nationwide Newspaper Drive, a Smoke Emission Test at the North Expressway and a tree planting at the La Mesa Watershed.

With these pro-nature activities, the EnviCom is able to help nurture our vital but fragile natural resources, whose sustainability will play an important role as the League of Corporate Foundations provides avenues to reduce poverty in the country and be a dynamic partner in national development.

DR. Terrence Jones

ARROCEROS FOREST PARK
LEAGUE OF CORPORATE FOUNDATIONS
ENVIRONMENT Committee

Philam supports children through Aid for Basilan Children Fund

> "We have long associated Basilan with war and atrocity. But we must now also know that the people of Basilan themselves wanted to change this image of lawlessness and violence. Let us help them rise above this vicious cycle of poverty and violence."

THE present hostilities in Mindanao and the ongoing war against terrorism have caused many deaths, families out of their homes, orphaned children, and farmlands to become wastelands.

Basilan is one of the provinces gravely affected by the hostilities. There is agony, weeping, and deprivation. Victims of the war wonder when their suffering will end.

Amidst all these are children, suffering silently in their innocence. Plagued by hunger and poverty, many of them may not go to school. Without education, their future remains uncertain.

In response to this, Philam Foundation, in partnership with Philippine Business for Social Progress, has pledged to help fund the education of these children through a fund drive called Aid for Basilan Children (ABC) Fund.

In the turnover ceremony of the first tranche of funds at the Philamlife Tower, Philam Foundation chairman Jose Cuisia, Jr., reiterated the rationale for the ABC Fund.

"The ABC Fund Drive is the foundation's latest campaign aimed at raising funds for the educational support of the children of Basilan. Amidst the climate of violence and fear, it is the children who suffer most. Violence has robbed them of their innocence. Must their future be taken as well?"

Because of the military campaign in Basilan, studies also show that only 30 percent of the entire child population finish elementary and an even smaller number continue their high school education.

"The lives of these children are at risk. Their future is uncertain. But with the ABC Fund, we hope to raise funds to help these children finish their education."

Present also during the turnover was PBSP chairperson Luisa Perez-Rubio. In her statement, Rubio said that for several years now, PBSP has spearheaded many programs to help the people of Basilan.

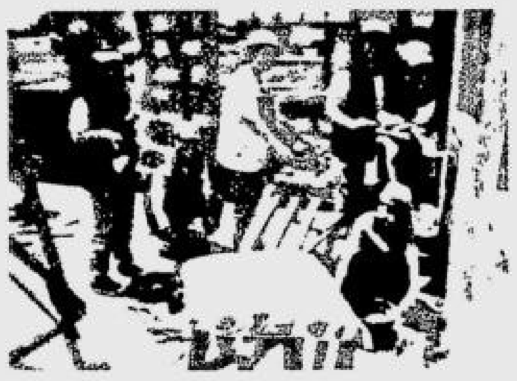
"We have long associated Basilan with war and atrocity. But we must now also know that the people of Basilan themselves wanted to change this image of lawlessness and violence. Let us help them rise above this vicious cycle of poverty and violence."

Towards the end of the ceremony, Cuisia appealed to the public to support the ABC Fund drive. "We will need all the help in disseminating information about the Aid for Basilan Children Fund. Everyone is invited to give whatever amount to the fund drive. With our efforts, we hope to make a difference in the lives of the children of Basilan."

The first tranche of over a million pesos will be used to purchase uniforms, books, transportation allowance, school supplies and other instructional materials for over 500 schoolchildren of Lamitan Central Elementary School in Basilan. It is hoped that the year-long fund campaign will evolve into an annual affair that will generate more donations to sustain the assistance to these children and expand the form of help to include feeding and value formation seminars.

Donations to the ABC Fund may be forwarded to the Philam Foundation through the nearest business centers or branch offices of the Philam Group of Companies (Philamlife, Philam Insurance, PhilamCare, Philam Plans, Philam Savings Bank, Philam Asset Management, Philam Properties, AIG Credit Card Company Philippines, Inc.)

For details, please call the Philam Foundation at telephone numbers 885-8785; fax 885-8795 or contact Max G. Ventura at email **Max-G.Ventura@AIG.com**.



PHILAM VOLUNTEER CORPS

The power of one, many times over

"Pay it Forward," one of box-office hits last year, starring Kevin Spacey, Helen Hunt and child star Haley Joel Osment, tells the story of how an individual can help make the world a better place not by paying back a good deed, but rather, by paying it forward.

Instead of returning a favor or good deed, one is supposed to "do good" to another person and not to the person who did him a favor earlier. That other person in turn will do it to yet another person, until finally everyone else would have helped another person. Ultimately, what one person started touched the lives of everyone.

"Yeah right! Only in the movies!" the most jaded cynic would probably comment. But that is not so, according to the over a hundred volunteers of the Philam Volunteer Corps who believe in the power of an individual to effect changes, and more so as a group collective.

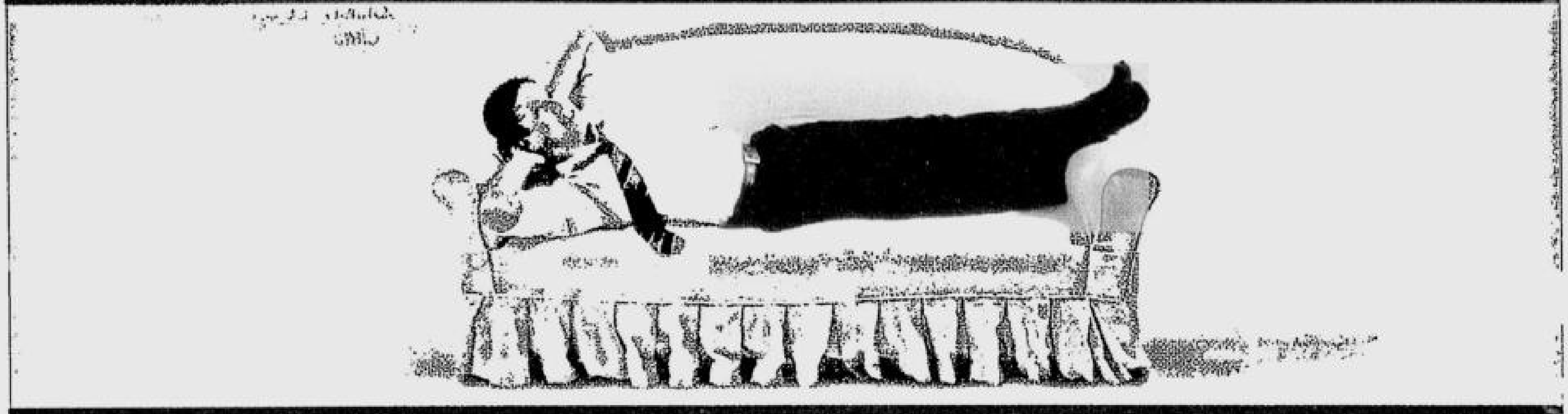
They all believe that the power of one individual multiplied many times over can make a tedious task, bearable; a difficult task, doable; an impossible task certain.

With that philosophy, Philam Foundation, the social development arm of the Philam Group of Companies, recently launched its volunteer organization called Philam Volunteer Corps (PVC).

Its members consist of civic-minded officers and employees of the Philam affiliates numbering over a hundred. The PVC volunteers will render community service, share their time and talents with the marginalized, do their share in the battle against poverty as well as promote the spirit of volunteerism. Their acts will hopefully foster camaraderie and goodwill among the employees of the Philam Group.

As the manpower pool for the different projects of the Foundation, PVC members can also be tapped for disaster and relief mobilizations, and for other worthy projects and causes such as tree-planting and reforestation, building shelters; and caring for the sick, orphans and society's less-privileged.

An Education Plan for



Singles,

Doubles,

and even Triples.

PHILAM PLANS GOLD
EDUCATION PLAN

You don't need to have children to purchase an educational plan. No matter what age you are in right now, Philam Plans' Gold Education Plan is sure to fit your needs. If you're single or newly married, secure your future child's education early. If you're an uncle or an aunt, assign the plan to a favorite niece or nephew. And if you're a grandparent, give the plan as a gift to your grandchild.

Call 528-5200 and get a Philam Plans' Gold Education Plan NOW!

*The Securities & Exchange Commission has not approved this ad or determined if this accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary constitutes a violation of the revised Securities Act and is criminally punishable. The public is encouraged to report immediately to the SEC any misrepresentation or false or inaccurate statement.

one with the filipino family

ISO 9002

PHILAM PLANS

Philam Group of Companies
The Philippine American Life and General Insurance Company, Philam Savings Bank, Inc., Philam Plans, Inc., Philam Care Health Systems, Inc., Philam Properties Corporation, Philam Asset Management, Inc., Philam Systems Inc.,Philam Insurance Company, Inc., AIG Credit Card Company Philippines, Inc.

Ask about Philam Plans Gold Education Plan.
☐ Tell me more about Philam Plans Gold Education Plan.
☐ Tell me about other Philam Plans Products.
Fill out this coupon and send to Product Marketing Department, Philam Plans, Inc.
4/F Times Plaza Bldg., Taft Ave. cor. UN Ave., Ermita, Manila or fax to 400-4171.
Call us now at 528-5200 or logon to www.philamplans.com.ph

Name: ____________________
Age: __________ Address: __________
____
Tel. Nos: ____________________

Sustained corporate citizenship key to breaking the cycle of poverty

In recent years, corporate social responsibility has become a catch phrase in a private sector eager to prove that business success and social gain need not be mutually exclusive.

But in order to create real and lasting impact, Ayala Corporation president and chief executive officer Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala II believes that businesses must focus on addressing the root causes of social problems. Moreover, businesses must be able to sustain their social development programs and develop new strategies to meet new demands and changes in society.

"This emphasis on developing a commitment to national development and building trust in our community has been one of the hallmarks of Ayala's success over the years. While we strive to create enduring value for our shareholders, we never lose sight of the interests of all the other stakeholders in our businesses and of the nation as a whole," explains Zobel.

Contribution to nation-building

The Ayala Group welcomes President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's challenge to the private sector to improve the plight of under-served sectors, something the group has been doing for more than four decades. This commitment is expressed through programs that are focused on four main areas: education, youth, the environment, and arts and culture.

Says Zobel: "More and more we are finding that it is important to support projects that the business can relate to, either because they affect a market of that business or because the company is in a position to offer solutions to the problem."

The group believes that the basic educational system plays a critical role in the country's progress, a principle that finds fruition in the Center of Excellence in Public Elementary Education. Centex provides bright children from needy families with top-quality education through an enhanced curriculum, supplemental feeding and family support and counseling. Other education-oriented programs have been developed to provide access to information technology, scholarships and awards for academic excellence.

The focus on the youth sector is also founded on the belief that the country's future lies in the hands of good leaders. To address the need for principled leadership, the Ayala Young Leaders Congress brings together potential leaders from among today's youth and encourages them to make a difference in their communities. The Bank of the Philippine Islands and Globe Telecom offer annual awards that recognize academic excellence in science and information and communications technology. These programs nurture in the youth the desire and capability to lead the country in progress.

Still another way that the Ayala Group is contributing to the country's development is by addressing its many environmental concerns. Ayala Land Inc.'s solid waste management program has effectively reduced pollution in its residential, commercial and industrial projects. Manila Water Company's Tubig Para Sa Barangay Project is providing clean, potable water to meet the needs of Metro Manila's urban poor. Ayala companies are giving financial support and promoting awareness of environmental issues so that future generations can continue to tap the country's rich natural resources.

In arts and culture, the Ayala Group created the Ayala Museum and the Filipinas Heritage Library as repositories of the country's national heritage. Located in the heart of Makati's central business district, these institutions are bringing Filipino art and history closer to the public.

Sustainability

The Ayala Group is able to continue these social responsibility programs even in times of economic uncertainty by providing resources, technical services and volunteer time of its employees and officers.

For instance, Ayala Foundation Inc. established the Ayala Museum and the Filipinas Heritage Library in order to bring Filipino art and history closer to the public. Ayala Corporation, Globe Telecom, Ayala Land, and BPI put together their resources and expertise for projects such as the UP Ayala Technopark, Youth Tech, Center for Technical Training and Excellence, Ayala Intel Computer Clubhouse, and the Integrated Learning Kiosk.

Corporate citizenship is also encouraged at all levels of the organization. New hires are invited to imbibe core values which put a premium on concern for others and commitment to national development. Thousands of employees from companies such as Ayala Corporation, Ayala Land, Globe Telecom, BPI, Manila Water, and Integrated Microelectronics Inc. have repeatedly participated in Habitat for Humanity, Children's Hour, NAMFREL, and the La Mesa Reforestation Project, programs that have been selected for their sustainability and long term impact to society.

This spirit of volunteerism has led to the creation of the Ayala Volunteers Program for employees looking for opportunities to help others as well as the Ayala Business Club which leads Ayala companies in identifying the needs of their host communities and developing programs that respond to these needs.

Long-term commitment

While these programs have succeeded in making an impact on the lives of many Filipinos, the Ayala Group continues to look for new ways to address the needs of under-served sectors in society.

The Ayala Volunteers Program will soon get the involvement of business and non-business partners, customers, beneficiaries, and the general public in social development projects identified by the Ayala Group.

Ayala Foundation Inc. has also ventured into tapping Filipinos abroad who wish to help their countrymen by establishing Ayala Foundation USA (AFI-USA). AFI-USA will serve as a conduit for funds from migrant Filipinos for projects that will be funded in the country. Meanwhile, the Filipinas Heritage Library continues to develop various culture-oriented websites that link the academe, art community, and Filipinos all over the world. A bigger, world-class Ayala Museum is set to reinvigorate the local art scene as well as the business district when it opens in 2004.

Corporate social responsibility is always a long-term social commitment but Zobel believes the Ayala Group's success can become an example for others. He is optimistic that more companies will take up the challenge to alleviate poverty and bring progress to all Filipinos.

Notes Zobel: "Our vision is that all companies should look at themselves as productive members of the community and of society. We should continue to build trust across a wide spectrum of publics by trying to keep the interests of the broader community in mind as we make decisions. We strongly believe in the value of good corporate citizenship and try to become a catalyst for social change in any way we can."

Access to clean water revives urban poor communities

AT THE crack of dawn, Aling Ising Valdes begins her morning by strapping two empty containers on her shoulders before leaving the small house she shares with husband Rommel and their four children. She negotiates a steep and narrow path leading to the main road. She must do this fast before her husband and children wake up in time for their morning bath and breakfast. Upon reaching the road, Aling Ising walks a small distance and carefully places her two containers at the end of a long queue of other pails, jugs and basins waiting their turn to be filled with water.

Later, she hands over a ten peso bill to the man supplying the water and then straps the heavy containers to her shoulders to bring back home. This is all she can carry. She must return later and line up again.

"Mahirap talaga, pero kailangang gawin kasi wala kaming pang-inom at pangpaligo. Mahirap na sa katawan, magastos pa kasi malaki ang kinakain sa budget namin (It's hard work but it needs to be done so we can have water to drink and bathe in. Its physically painful, and eats up a big slice of the family budget)," Aling Ising sighs in dismay.

Water is scarce along the eight-kilometer West Bank of the Manggahan Floodway along the Pasig River. Thousands of residents can only get water from a few sellers who source water from their deep wells and then sell the precious liquid at high rates.

Fortunately, there's hope for urban poor residents like Aling Ising and her family.

Together with the informal settler communities in its East Zone concession area, Manila Water Company created the Tubig Para sa Barangay program to improve the quality of life in these communities. The program was initially conceived in 1998 to deliver water services to government social priority areas within the East Zone.

Now nearing its 4th year, Tubig Para sa Barangay exemplifies the efficiency and innovation that private business can bring to public service. Since the privatization of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS), the program has provided properly connected water services to thousands of less fortunate city dwellers in Quezon City, Marikina, Mandaluyong, San Juan, Pasig, Makati, Taguig, Pateros, San Andres and Sta. Ana in Manila. It has eliminated leaks and illegal connections in these areas and as a result improved not only water services but also public health through proper sanitation and hygiene.

Manila Water president Antonino Aquino believes that Tubig Para sa Barangay is also freeing up vital income opportunities in these communities. "The program will help transform the East Zone's informal settler areas into productive and self-sufficient communities that contribute to nation-building," says Aquino.

In response to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's appeal to the private sector on poverty alleviation, Manila Water launched at least six major projects under Tubig Para Sa Barangay. These projects have been providing clean, affordable water to some 300,000 individuals in more than 100 communities. The biggest project, the P120-million Manggahan Floodway Water Supply Project, was inaugurated by Pres. Arroyo in September 2001. When completed, it will supply over 15 million liters of water a day to more than 200,000 residents of informal settler communities along the stretch of the canal.

Meanwhile, the West Bank of the Manggahan Floodway has been given a new life. Its 9,000 families can now draw inexpensive, potable water from their own household taps. Gone are the days of lining up to buy prohibitively priced and non-potable water from ambulant vendors or relying on unsafe connections tapped clandestinely to the utility's mainlines.

According to Aquino, the company's core commitment to customers like Aling Ising is to make water available to as many households as possible via safe and affordable service connections. Beyond meeting its service obligation targets, Manila Water aims to supply the metropolis' growing demand.

"Tubig Para sa Barangay will help us realize this commitment much faster," says Aquino.

Make monumental decisions at One L

Sustained corporate citizenship key to breaking the cycle of poverty

In recent years, corporate social responsibility has become a catch phrase in a private sector eager to prove that business success and social gain need not be mutually exclusive.

But in order to create real and lasting impact, Ayala Corporation president and chief executive officer Jaime ugusto Zobel de Ayala II believes hat businesses must focus on ad-essing the root causes of social roblems. Moreover, businesses must able to sustain their social development programs and develop new trategies to meet new demands and hanges in society.

"This emphasis on developing a commitment to national development and building trust in our community has been one of the hallmarks of Ayala's success over the years. While we strive to create enduring value for our shareholders, we never lose sight of the interests of all the other stakeholders in our businesses and of the nation as a whole," explains Zobel.

Contribution to nation-building

The Ayala Group welcomes President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's challenge to the private sector to improve the plight of under-served sectors, something the group has been doing for more than four decades. This commitment is expressed through programs that are focused on four main areas: education, youth, the environment, and arts and culture.

Says Zobel: "More and more we finding that it is important to upport projects that the business an relate to, either because they ffect a market of that business or ecause the company is in a position offer solutions to the problem."

The group believes that the basic educational system plays a critical
ole in the country's
progress, a principle
hat finds fruition in
the Center of Excel-
ence in Public El-
mentary Education.
Center provides
bright children from
eedy families with
op-quality education
hrough an enhanced
rriculum, supple-
ntal feeding and
mily support and
unseling. Other
ducation-oriented
programs have been
eloped to provide
cess to information
chnology scholar-
ips and awards for
ademic excellence.
The focus on the
outh sector is also
unded on the belief
at the country's fu-
re lies in the hands
good leaders. To
ddress the need for
rincipled leadership,
e Ayala Young Lead-
Congress brings
gether potential
aders from among
day's youth and en-
urages them to
ake difference in
their communities.
he Bank of the Phil-
ppine Islands and
lobe Telecom offer
awards that
nize academic
lence in science
nformation and
nications tech-
These pro
nurture in the
th the desire and
bility to lead the
ntry in progress.
still another way
the Ayala Group is
ntributing to the
ntry development
ddressing its
vironmenta
Ayala Land
olid waste man
ement program has
[illegible] reduced
ollution in its residen
commercial and
projects
Water
mpany Tubig Para
Barangay Project
ing clean, po
ater to meet the
of Metro
urban poor
companies are
ng financial sup
and promotin
of environ
Issue so that
utur generations can
ontinue to tap the
rich natural
ourc
In arts and culture
Ayala Group cre
ed the Ayala Mu
um and the
ilipinas Heritage Li
ary, repositories
of the country's na
onal heritage. Lo
ated in the heart of
Makati central busi

stitutions are bringing Filipino art and history closer to the public.

Sustainability

The Ayala Group is able to continue these social responsibility programs even in times of economic uncertainty by providing resources, technical services and volunteer time of its employees and officers.

For instance, Ayala Foundation Inc. established the Ayala Museum and the Filipinas Heritage Library in order to bring Filipino art and history closer to the public. Ayala Corporation, Globe Telecom, Ayala Land, and BPI put together their resources and expertise for projects such as the UP Ayala Technopark, Youth Tech, Center for Technical Training and Excellence, Ayala Intel Computer Clubhouse, and the Integrated Learning Kiosk.

Corporate citizenship is also encouraged at all levels of the organization. New hires are invited to imbibe core values which put a premium on concern for others and commitment to national development. Thousands of employees from companies such as Ayala Corporation, Ayala Land, Globe Telecom, BPI, Manila Water, and Integrated Microelectronics Inc. have repeatedly participated in Habitat for Humanity, Children's Hour, NAMFREL, and the La Mesa Reforestation Project, programs that have been selected for their sustainability and long term impact to society.

This spirit of volunteerism has led to the creation of the Ayala Volunteers Program for employees looking for opportunities to help others as well as the Ayala Business Club which leads Ayala companies in identifying the needs of their host communities and developing programs that respond to these needs.

Long-term commitment

While these programs have succeeded in making an impact on the lives of many Filipinos, the Ayala Group continues to look for new ways to address the needs of under-served sectors in society.

The Ayala Volunteers Program will soon get the involvement of business and non-business partners, customers, beneficiaries, and the general public in social development projects identified by the Ayala Group.

Ayala Foundation Inc. has also ventured into tapping Filipinos abroad who wish to help their countrymen by establishing Ayala Foundation USA (AFI-USA). AFI-USA will serve as a conduit for funds from migrant Filipinos for projects that will be funded in the country. Meanwhile, the Filipinas Heritage Library continues to develop various culture-oriented websites that link the academe, art community, and Filipinos all over the world. A bigger, world-class Ayala Museum is set to reinvigorate the local art scene as well as the business district when it opens in 2004.

Corporate social responsibility is always a long-term social commitment but Zobel believes the Ayala Group's success can become an example for others. He is optimistic that more companies will take up the challenge to alleviate poverty and bring progress to all Filipinos.

Notes Zobel: "Our vision is that all companies should look at themselves as productive members of the community and of society. We should continue to build trust across a wide spectrum of publics by trying to keep the interests of the broader community in mind as we make decisions. We strongly believe in the value of good corporate citizenship and try to become a catalyst for social change in any way we can."

Access to clean water revives urban poor communities

AT THE crack of dawn, Aling Ising Valdez begins her morning by strapping two empty containers on her shoulders before leaving the small house she shares with husband Rommel and their four children. She negotiates a steep and narrow path leading to the main road. She must do this fast before her husband and children wake up in time for their morning bath and breakfast. Upon reaching the road, Aling Ising walks a small distance and carefully places her two containers at the end of a long queue of other pails, jugs and basins waiting their turn to be filled with water.

Later, she hands over a ten peso bill to the man supplying the water and then straps the heavy containers to her shoulders to bring back home. This is all she can carry. She must return later and line up again.

"Mahirap talaga, pero kailangang gawin kasi wala kaming pang-inom at pangpaligo. Mahirap na sa katawan, magastos pa kasi malaki ang kinakain sa budget namin (It's hard work but it needs to be done so we can have water to drink and bathe in. Its physically painful, and eats up a big slice of the family budget)," Aling Ising sighs in dismay.

Water is scarce along the eight-kilometer West Bank of the Manggahan Floodway along the Pasig River. Thousands of residents can only get water from a few sellers who source water from their deep wells and then sell the precious liquid at high rates.

Fortunately, there's hope for urban poor residents like Aling Ising and her family

Together with the informal settler communities in its East Zone concession area, Manila Water Company created the Tubig Para sa Barangay program to improve the quality of life in these communities. The program was initially conceived in 1998 to deliver water services to government social priority areas within the East Zone.

Now nearing its 4th year, Tubig Para sa Barangay exemplifies the efficiency and innovation that private business can bring to public service. Since the privatization of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS), the program has provided properly connected water services to thousands of less fortunate city dwellers in Quezon City, Marikina, Mandaluyong, San Juan, Pasig, Makati, Taguig, Pateros, San Andres and Sta. Ana in Manila. It has eliminated leaks and illegal connections in these areas and as a result improved not only water services but also public health through proper sanitation and hygiene.

Manila Water president Antonino Aquino believes that Tubig Para sa Barangay is also freeing up vital income opportunities in these communities. "The program will help transform the East Zone's informal settler areas into productive and self-sufficient communities that contribute to nation-building," says Aquino.

In response to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's appeal to the private sector on poverty alleviation, Manila Water launched at least six major projects under Tubig Para Sa Barangay. These projects have been providing clean, affordable water to some 300,000 individuals in more than 100 communities. The biggest project, the P120-million Manggahan Floodway Water Supply Project, was inaugurated by Pres. Arroyo in September 2001. When completed, it will supply over 15 million liters of water a day to more than 200,000 residents of informal settler communities along the stretch of the canal.

Meanwhile, the West Bank of the Manggahan Floodway has been given a new life. Its 9,000 families can now draw inexpensive, potable water from their own household taps. Gone are the days of lining up to buy prohibitively priced and non-potable water from ambulant vendors or relying on unsafe connections tapped clandestinely to the utility's mainlines.

According to Aquino, the company's core commitment to customers like Aling Ising is to make water available to as many households as possible via safe and affordable service connections. Beyond meeting its service obligation targets, Manila Water aims to supply the metropolis' growing demand.

"Tubig Para sa Barangay will help us realize this commitment much faster," says Aquino.

Make monumental decisions at One L

Building self-sufficient communities

SINCE it launched its first outreach project in the late 1980s, Ayala Land, Inc. (ALI) has not stopped lending a hand to communities that host its diverse property projects. What propels all these efforts is the company's lasting concern for the way a community grows within the larger society.

The country's largest full-line property developer is involved in several community-based projects that are focused on self-help, environmental conservation and community services. The company works closely with local government units and organizations to reach its numerous beneficiaries at the provincial, city or municipality and barangay levels.

Explains ALI chairman Fernando Zobel de Ayala: "Caring for the community is a cornerstone of Ayala Land's philosophy. An integral part of our commitment to nation-building is the work we do as a partner in progress in areas that are home to our projects."

Self-help

Last May, ALI launched Dagdag Kita sa Pamilya, a skills training program developed together with the Technology Skills Development Authority (TESDA) for the benefit of residents in barangays Maunong and Puting Lupa in Calamba, Laguna. The company has also formed, with the help of the Laguna provincial government, the Laguna Employment and Manpower Development Council (LEMDC). LEMDC assists people in finding jobs by maintaining a manpower database and holding annual job fairs.

And like most companies in the Ayala Group, ALI has consistently taken part in undertakings of the Habitat for Humanity to build homes for the underprivileged.

Environmental conservation

For the last seven years, ALI has maintained tree nurseries where shade tree saplings are nurtured. ALI provides saplings free of charge to private and public organizations undertaking serious reforestation programs.

ALI is also active in river rehabilitation through the Calamba Green Stream Brigade and in water resource conservation through the Laguna Water Conservancy, which leads a united effort of all major water users to preserve ground and surface water resources.

Helping the young

Through its Adopt a School program and the cooperation of local government unites, ALI provides educational equipment and materials to selected schools such as the Putatan Elementary School in Muntinlupa. Another program, Alay sa Kabataan, provides "school starter kits" that include bags, writing pads, pencils, erasers, crayons, rulers and notebooks to school children from Metro Manila, Cavite and Laguna.

The company consistently supports the Center for Excellence (Centex), a school run by the Ayala Foundation for gifted children who come from poor families. It has also put up day care centers for children from indigent families in Las Piñas (in close cooperation with the Nene Aguilar Foundation), Biñan and other areas.

Local initiatives

ALI is enhancing life in its host communities through its own expertise in urban planning. The company holds development planning workshops to train and assist local planners in developing their localities. It helped establish the Laguna Investment Promotions Bureau (LIPB) which serves as a one-stop shop for first-time investors wanting to do business in Laguna.

Other projects initiated with local government units include anti-flood and disaster response measures in Makati, Pasay, and Parañaque, traffic management in Muntinlupa, Las Piñas, and Laguna, and free dental and medical missions Metro Manila and Southern Luzon.

Special projects

Another regular commitment of ALI is providing assistance to the Elsie Gaches Village, a government-run institution for the mentally-challenged. The company extends help through water supply and grounds maintenance work and special events management.

Last year, the company sponsored a stage presentation at Onstage in Greenbelt for the Earthsavers' Dream Ensemble, a performing group of physically and economically disadvantaged students.

Encouraged by the difference made by its numerous social development projects, ALI is on the lookout for more projects that will benefit thousands in its host communities.

Says Zobel: "Private businesses have the responsibility of helping create the kind of environment that would have a positive impact on society. Ayala Land is committed to do its share in uplifting the lives of every Filipino."

ALI Chairman Fernando Zobel de Ayala (right), and Ayala Corporation President and CEO Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala lead Habitat for Humanity volunteers.

CHILDREN of Centex

Hope lies in the hands of future leaders

THE COUNTRY'S future lies in the hands of leaders who will put the interests of their fellowmen before their own.

This is the belief that drives the Ayala Group's flagship programs for youth development, the Center of Excellence in Public Elementary Education (Centex) and the Ayala Young Leaders Congress (AYLC), and Globe Telecom's Academic Achievement Awards. These programs nurture leadership qualities among today's youth in the hopes of producing principled leaders who have the skills and motivation to make a difference.

Says Victoria P. Garchitorena, president of Ayala Foundation, Inc., the social development arm of the Ayala Group of Companies: "We are convinced that it is our investment in the youth that will propel our country toward sustained development."

Leaders as servants

Together with Ayala Land, Inc., Globe Telecom, and other donors, Ayala Foundation established Centex in Tondo, Manila and Bauan, Batangas with the aim to raise future leaders from among the less privileged by providing quality education. Moreover, the Centex curriculum encourages these young children to be critical thinkers, servant leaders and nurturers of the environment.

The program has already shown encouraging results. Centex students have consistently performed well in inter-school examinations and competitions, proving that children from impoverished families can perform at par with their private school counterparts given the proper education and motivation.

The Ayala Young Leaders Congress gathers the most promising college student leaders for a three-day live-in conference designed to nurture the youth's commitment to integrity and principled leadership, foster their nationalism and idealism, and encourage them to become faithful stewards of their country's future.

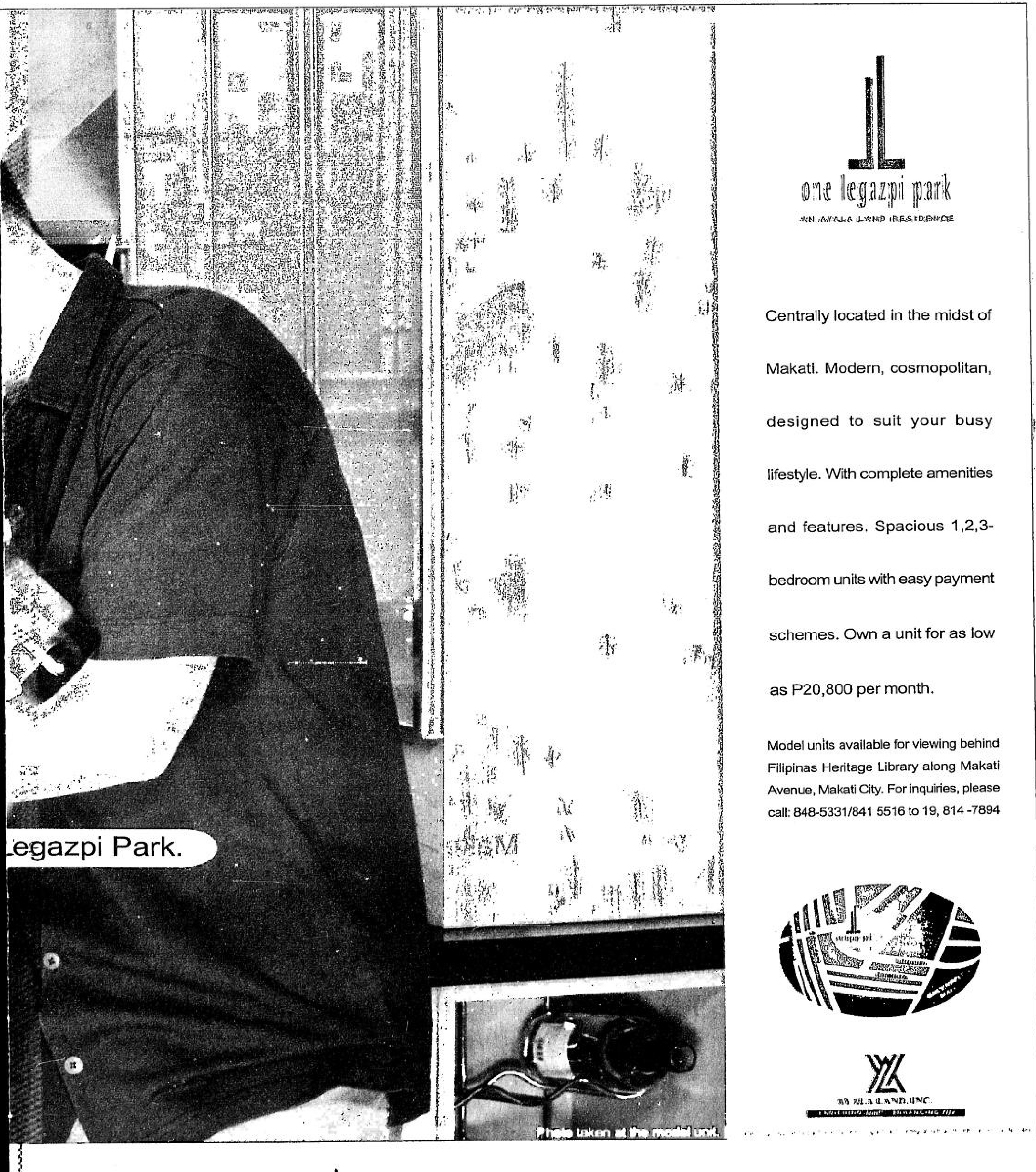
Nearly 300 students from all over the country have been part of AYLC since 1999. AYLC encourages these young leaders to develop bonds with their peers to help them remain faithful to their vision when they assume positions of responsibility in government, the private sector, or in civil society. Some AYLC alumni have gone on to lead local and international foundations and organizations that are committed to uplifting the lives of Filipinos and fellow youth. Others have been recognized for their academic achievements and their contributions to the community.

Academic excellence

The Globe Telecom Academic Achievement Awards (GTAAA), now on its 7th year, recognizes excellence in high school science and math, electronics and communications engineering, and electrical engineering. The annual industry-academe linkage program is Globe Telecom's contribution to nation-building by promoting telecommunications and information technology.

With support from partners Ericsson, Nokia, Tomen Telecom and other leading IT and telecommunications companies, the GTAAA has recognized 106 high school and 94 college students for academic excellence. This year's awards challenged them to lead the Philippines in a rapidly-evolving, technology-driven world.

Explains Globe Telecom president Gerardo C. Ablaza, Jr: "We are ever mindful of our responsibility not only to provide telecommunications services to the Filipino people but also to contribute to improving the lives of our countrymen."



one legazpi park
AN AYALA LAND RESIDENCE

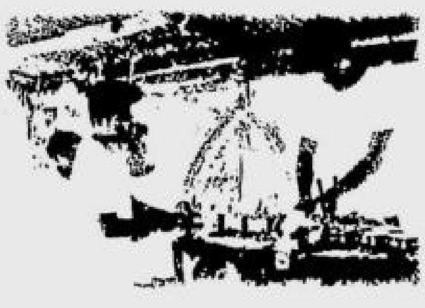
Centrally located in the midst of Makati. Modern, cosmopolitan, designed to suit your busy lifestyle. With complete amenities and features. Spacious 1,2,3-bedroom units with easy payment schemes. Own a unit for as low as P20,800 per month.

Model units available for viewing behind Filipinas Heritage Library along Makati Avenue, Makati City. For inquiries, please call: 848-5331/841 5516 to 19, 814-7894

AYALA LAND, INC.

> *"This is a chance for us to leave a legacy behind to our children. Happily, our employees realize this unique opportunity and have responded with admirable zest through their financial and personal support."*
>
> Nicasio I. Alcantara
> Chairman
> Petron Corporation
> Petron Foundation

TOUCHING LIVES



PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES

BUILDING DREAMS

Just as **BPI** is reaching out to its customers through a wide range of innovative banking services, **BPI FOUNDATION** is equally committed to reaching out to other sectors of society with programs focusing on the areas of education, livelihood, health and value enhancement.

QUALITY EDUCATION
- BPI SCIENCE AWARDS
- SCHOLARSHIPS
- PROFESSORIAL CHAIRS

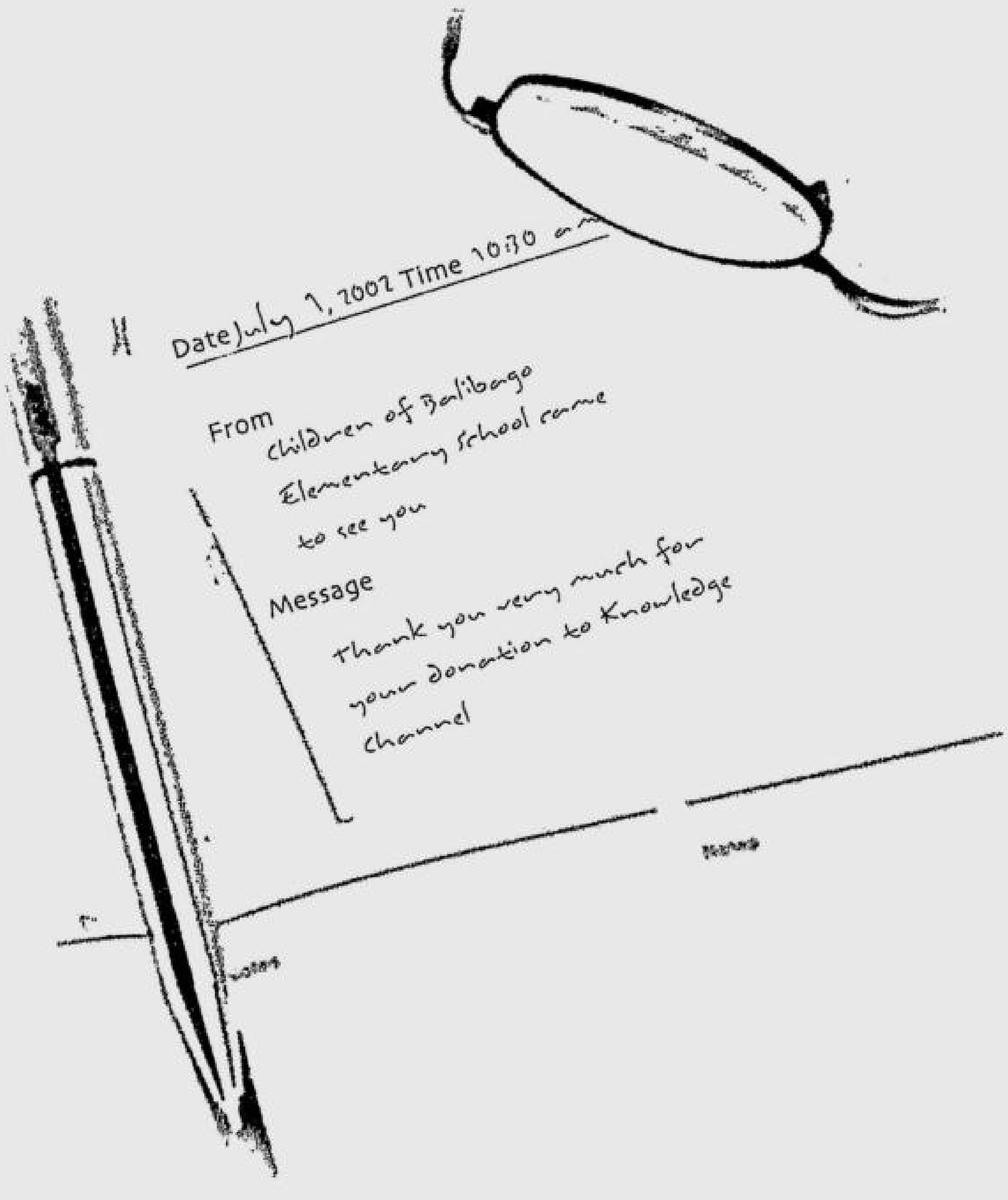
MICRO ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT
- FINANCING ASSISTANCE LINE FOR NGOs AND COOPERATIVES

CORPORATE INVOLVEMENT
- MEDICAL MISSIONS
- SOCIAL HOUSING
- DISASTER RESPONSE PROGRAM
- COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROGRAM

OTHERS
- VALUE ENHANCEMENT
- CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS

BPI FOUNDATION

www.bpiexpressonline.com.



Date July 1, 2002 Time 10:30 a

From
Children of Balibago Elementary School came to see you

Message
Thank you very much for your donation to Knowledge Channel

Please support Knowledge Channel -- a DECS-accredited, curriculum-based educational channel on television designed to assist the government in eliminating the problem of poverty through globally competitive education.

You can send your donation to: SKY FOUNDATION, 888 Edsa Mandaluyong City.
Or you can deposit it to Equitable PCI Account No. 1382-04861-6.

To know more about Knowledge Channel and other ways of eliminating poverty, please call 746-9221/631-4349.

The Gift of Knowledge.

PETRON

Kabisig ng Kalahi

WHEN Hon. Dinky Soliman made a presentation before an assembly of Petron employees last May, hers was a heart-rending story. As Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare & Development, she was faced with an alarming report of poverty in the country. Poverty incidence is higher today than what it was in 1997. Specifically, over 516,000 children in Metro Manila alone are out of school and in the streets. A large number of these children, aged between 6 and 12 years, live in depressed areas. Three out of 20 (or 3.7 million) children between 5 and 17 years old labor in odd jobs, usually those which put them at risk, just to make ends meet. Government, she says, has an agenda to reduce poverty called Kapit Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan, or Kalahi. Appropriately, it translates to fellowman and the need to bond together to uplift them from poverty. To do so, government needs monumental support from everyone, including the private sector.

Enter Petron's Tulong Aral ng Petron and the Petron School, the company's "one-two punch" programs to help the poor through education.

TULONG ARAL

Sending 1,000 children to school

TULONG ARAL NG PETRON is a program that seeks to give greater impact to Petron's corporate social responsibility initiatives to as many beneficiaries as possible. With TULONG ARAL, Petron will help an initial one thousand children from Metro Manila to receive public schooling beginning Grade One.

In this, Petron Foundation partnered with the DSWD, which carefully selects the beneficiaries from among the children in its areas: KALAHI and CIDSS (Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services) in Metro Manila. A research group shall establish baseline data, conduct benchmarking and determine success indices, and monitor the development and impact of the program. Petron Foundation has also partnered with the Department of Education (DepEd) to ensure the successful monitoring of children's progress as well as the efficient distribution of uniforms, books, school supplies and meal stubs for the children beneficiaries.

"This is a chance for us to leave a legacy behind to our children. Happily, our employees realize this unique opportunity and have responded with admirable zest through their financial and personal support."

Nicasio I. Alcantara
Chairman
Petron Corporation
Petron Foundation

A bright, shining tomorrow for our children

Make their dreams come true
Make education work for them

Improving the quality of education and equalizing access to education in the country involves many tasks. Quality textbooks should be provided to our students. Teachers need to be trained so they will be proficient in their fields. It's a great load of work. And the work needs many helping hands.

Bato Balani Foundation has committed itself to help develop the quality of education in the country to pave the way that our people can follow toward a secure and happy future.

The foundation offers various education development projects: teacher and school administrator character and professional development, library assistance and school development, student development (scholarships, awards and recognition), environmental rehabilitation, sports development, and special school and education assistance.

Help make our children enjoy a bright, happy tomorrow. Help make education work for them.

If you want to be a partner in education development, write to the Bato Balani Foundation at 8/F PDCP Bank Centre Herrera corner Leviste Streets, Salcedo Village, Makati City, Philippines or email at bbfi@info.com.ph or call (63-2) 8172120.

Because Education Is Everybody's Business

Roxas & Company, Inc.
Roxas Holdings, Inc.
Central Azucarera Don Pedro, Inc.
Central Azucarera de La Carlota
Roxaco Land Corporation

thru

Antonio & Eduardo
Roxas Gargollo Foundation, Inc.
help build
self-reliant communities
and make a difference
in the lives of people...

AIM: Leading the Compact with Asian Societies

HEEDING this challenge on corporate social responsibility, the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) proposed to set up the Global Compact Resource Center of Asia at the AIM.

AIM, a privately supported school of management, pioneered in practitioner-oriented, Asian graduate management education in the 1960s. Founded in 1968, AIM has been at the forefront of premier human resource development for the Asian region. Its purpose is not merely to develop managerial competence but competence in the practice of management in Asia and the development of Asia in light of its unique social, political, technological, and economic developments.

In a period of Asia's promise or in a period of Asia's turmoil, given the wealth of experience gathered from working with and training individuals from the private and public sectors of Asia's emerging, transitional, developing, and developed economies, AIM's role has always been to be relevant to the management education and training needs of the region. AIM's theme is "Management in Asia with a Global Perspective".

Responsive to the needs of Asian societies and businesses, AIM created the Ramon V. del Rosario, Sr. – Asian Center for Corporate Responsibility (RVR Center) as a research and program center of the Asian Institute of Management. Its main thrust is the management of corporate citizenship relative to the competitiveness of corporations and its impact on society. The Center promotes social responsibility through direct involvement and collaboration between the private sector, government and civil society and has among its activities: case writing and research, program development, executive education and training.

On July 2-4, 2002, the AIM-RVR Center will be presenting the first Asian Forum on Corporate Social Responsibility which will see the participation of 50 international CEOs speaking on various topics on corporate social responsibility. The forum coincides with the celebration of the Corporate Social Responsibility week declared by Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, who will be the addressing the participants during this international event. Former President Corazon Aquino, herself a supporter of corporate social responsibility practices, will likewise be a keynote speaker.

Of equal importance is the presence of Mr. Michael Doyle, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and by-far the highest-ranking official of the United Nations to visit the country, who will be addressing the audience and sharing his views on corporate social responsibility and the Global Compact Initiative, on behalf of Mr. Kofi Annan. On this occasion, Mr. Felipe B. Alfonso, Executive Director of the AIM-RVR Center for Corporate Responsibility, will be presenting Mr. Doyle with the proposal for AIM to host the Global Compact Resource Center in Asia. Mr. Doyle would also be meeting with the AIM Board to discuss the Global Compact Resource Center.

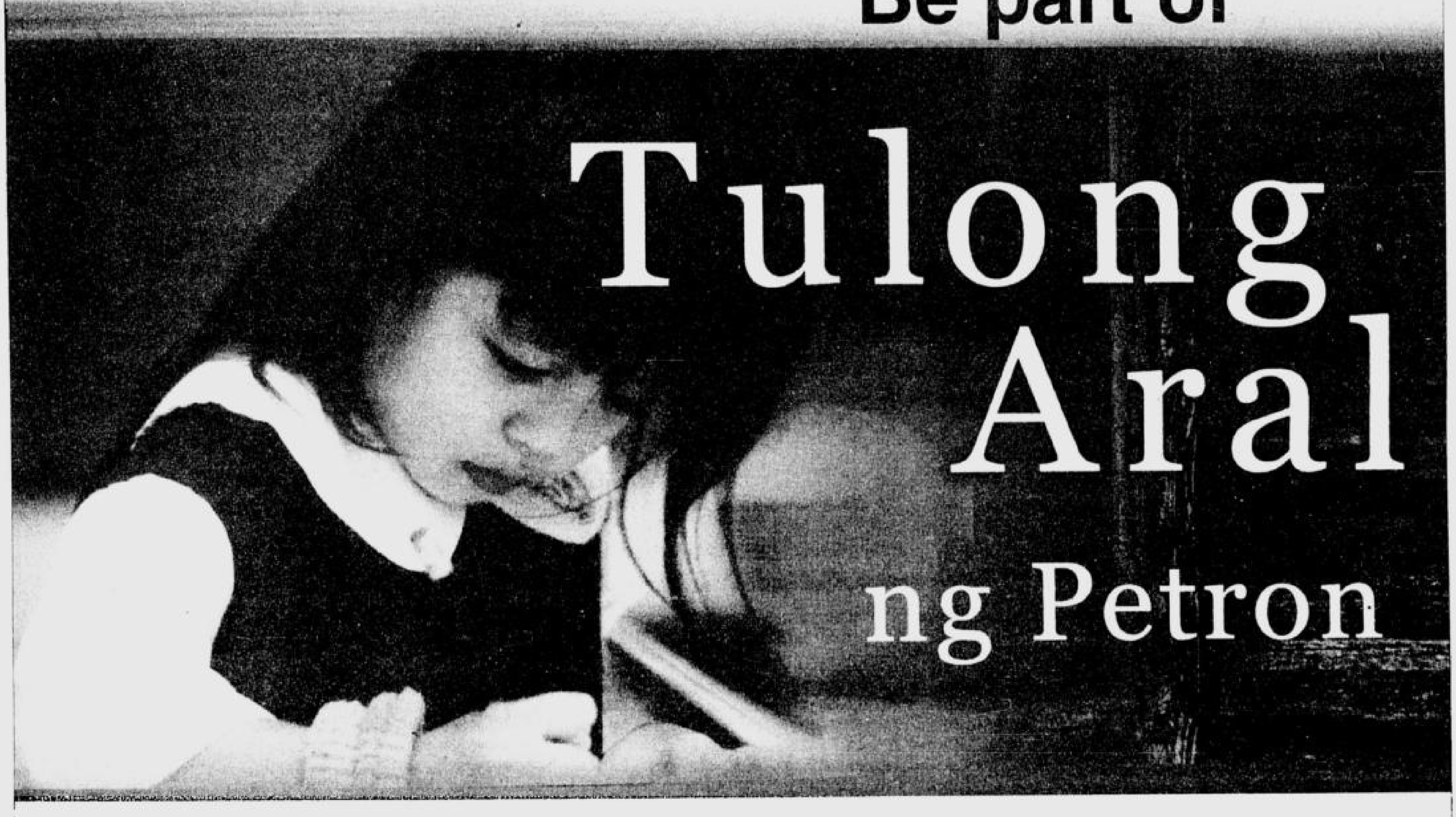
This proposed partnership between the United Nations and the Asian Institute of Management is a milestone in terms of advocacy and promotion of corporate social responsibility in the Asian region. Through the extensive Asian network and experience of the United Nations and the Asian Institute of Management in business, development and corporate social responsibility, one could look forward to the exchange of best corporate social responsibility practices and the increase in scope and depth of corporate social responsibility practices in the region. This would hopefully translate into increased development in the many communities of Asian societies. As Professor Gabino Mendoza, former AIM president articulates: "The social responsibility of business is growth, so long as in doing so, it grows in its ability to help society solve its problems of unemployment, of income inequality and of maintaining its competitiveness in the markets of the world."

With the proposed establishment of the Global Compact Resource Center in Asia in AIM, one could hope for an increased involvement among corporations in sustaining societies and communities. "Corporate responsibility, as in all things about governance, is neither simple nor compartmentalized. It calls for grounding, in reality because ultimately, corporate responsibility is about action." (Ramon V. Del Rosario, Sr.)

There are 516,000
out-of-school children in Metro Manila.

For every child who enrols in Grade 1, only 67% finish the primary level. For the less fortunate, education remains more of a privilege than a right.

Be part of



and you help send a child to school.

Petron Foundation launches TULONG ARAL. This project aims to provide out-of-school children, from age six, with a subsistence that would cover expenses for their formal education: uniforms, books, school supplies, school projects and meal allowance.

In partnership with the Department of Social Welfare & Development (DSWD), TULONG ARAL appeals for your support. Your help will not only keep these kids off the streets, but it will also nourish their hopes and give them a chance to turn their dream of a better life into reality.

Be part of TULONG ARAL and, together, we can make education truly a right for every Filipino child.

TULONG ARAL will initially benefit children of indigent families within DSWD identified areas: KALAHI (Kapit Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan) and CIDSS (Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services) in Metro Manila.

Your support can send Maribel and other children like her to school and nurture their hopes for a bright future. Please lend your support. Call Petron Foundation at 886-3142 to make a donation.

Five-year old Maribel dreams of becoming a nurse when she grows up. Born and raised in poverty, dreaming is all she can do. Her mother collects lotto bets for a living, earning P150 on a good day. Her father bounces from one job to another, but for most part, he has none. The place they call home is a tiny room in Pandacan, Manila, whose monthly rent they can hardly afford to pay and which is barely big enough to accommodate their family of seven (Maribel has four other siblings). Despite the hardship, Maribel continues to believe – of being able to go to school and realize her dream. And hopefully, to make a better life for her family and to do good to others.

the hard facts :

- a large number of children (6 to 12 years old) live in depressed areas.
- three out of 20 (or 3.7M) children from 5 to 17 years old labor in odd jobs which put them at risk, just to make ends meet.
- for those able to go to school, only seven out of 10 make it to grade 6.
- over 7% drop out of school, mostly to look for work because they cannot afford the cost of education.

A PARTNERSHIP AMONG

TULONG ARAL ng PETRON
PETRON
PETRON FOUNDATION
DSWD

IN COOPERATION WITH

The HERMA Group

Dusit Hotel Nikko, Manila, Philippines / July 2-4 2002

ASIAN FORUM
on Corporate Social Responsibility

MANILA 2002

Presented by

Ramon V. del Rosario, Sr.
AIM CENTER FOR CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY
Asian Institute of Management

Theme:
Asia Business for Society

ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Conference Chair

Ramon del Rosario Jr.
(RVR-AIM Center for Corporate Responsibility)

Conference Committee Members

Felipe B. Alfonso
(RVR-AIM Center for Corporate Responsibility)
David B. Chiel
(Ford Foundation Philippines)
Jose L. Cuisia, Jr.
(Asian Institute of Management)
Corazon S. de la Paz
(Social Security System)
Donald Dee
(Employers' Confederation of the Philippine)
Terrence Jones
(UNDP)
Lorna Patajo Kapunan
(Women's Business Council of the Philippines)
Anna Marie Karaos
(CODE-NGO)
Masafumi Nagao
(Conference of Asian Foundations and Organizations)
John K. C. Ng
(Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc.)
Ricardo J. Romulo
(Makati Business Club)
Juan B. Santos
(Center for Corporate Citizenship, PBSP)
(Philippine Business for the Environment)
Gerald Sumida
(Asian Development Bank)
(RVR-AIM Center for Corporate Responsibility)
Ma. Aurora Tolentino
(League of Corporate Foundations)
(Asia Pacific Philanthropy Consortium)

STEERING COMMITTEE

Conference Director

Juan Miguel Luz
(RVR-AIM Center for Corporate Responsibility)

Steering Committee Members

Cecile Alcantara
(League of Corporate Foundations)
Serge Andal Jr.
(Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry Inc.)
Lisa Antonio
(Philippine Business for the Environment)
Jessie Asuncion
(Women's Business Council of the Philippines)
Art Cariaga
(League of Corporate Foundations)
Lisa Dacanay
(Conference of Asian Foundations and Organizations)
Bing Ganchero
(Philippine Business for Social Progress)
Milwida Guevara
(Ford Foundation Philippines)
Guillermo M. Luz
(Makati Business Club)
Joel Pagsanhan
(CODE-NGO)
Gisela T. Velasco
(The Synergos Institute)
Vicent Wierda
(United Nations Development Programme)

Ramon V. del Rosario, Sr. – AIM
Center for Corporate Responsibility
4/F, AIM Conference Center Manila (ACCM)
Benavidez corner Trasierra Street
Makati City, Philippines 1260
Telephone (632) 752-1208
Fax (632) 752-1257
e-mail: *rvrcenter@dataserve.aim.edu.ph*

Asian Forum website:

http://www.asianforumcsr.com

Other websites:

http://www.aim.edu.ph
http://asiancorpgov.aim.edu.ph

The Policy-Maker on CSR: Plenary Sessions.

Plenary keynotes by leading policymakers:

- **H. E. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo**, *President, Republic of the Philippines*
- **H. E. Corazon C. Aquino**, *Former President, Republic of the Philippines*
- **Michael A. Doyle**, *Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations* "On the Global Compact Initiative"
- **Eliseo Santiago**, *Country Chair, Shell Companies in the Philippines* "Corporate Social Responsibility: A Global and Local Perspective"
- **Manuel V. Pangilinan**, *Chairman, Philippine Business for Social Progress*

The CEO on CSR: Concurrent Breakout Sessions.

Delegates will have the opportunity to choose from 17 breakout sessions over two days. Each session will feature CEO presentations of best practices in the field of CSR. Identify environment-friendly and socially-relevant management trends and innovations. Discover the business case for undertaking CSR as a strategic element of managing in Asia. Breakout sessions will be chaired by CSR experts and will feature up to three corporate speakers.

- Business and Education
- Business and the Environment
- Corporate Giving as Social Investment
- Benchmarking Corporate Citizenship
- Business and Low-Income Housing Initiatives
- Business and Public Health
- Business and Creating Microenterprise Opportunities
- Social Accountability and Improving Workplace Conditions
- Community Relations as Business Strategy
- Business and the Support of the Arts
- Global Compact Initiative
- Business Preparation for the Rio+10 Summit

Strategic Corporate Partners

MIRANT™

Official Industry Partners

AYALA CORPORATION
CALENERGY COMPANY, INC.
First Gen
AIG
PHILAM Group of Companies
GLOBE TELECOM

Media Partner

INQUIRER

Event Manager

OPTIONS INFORMATION COMPANY

In cooperation with

- Asia Pacific Philanthropy Consortium
- CODE-NGO
- Conference of Asian Foundations and Organizations
- Employer's Confederation of the Philippines
- Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Inc.
- League of Corporate Foundations
- Makati Business Club
- Philippine Business for the Environment
- Philippine Business for Social Progress
- The Synergos Institute
- The Ford Foundation (Philippines)
- UN Global Compact
- UNDP
- Women's Business Council of the Philippines

LIST OF COMPANIES AND ORGANIZATIONS INVITED TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS

Aboitiz Group of Companies, Philippines
AB Capital & Investment Corporation, Philippines
ABS-CBN Broadcasting, Philippines
Adidas, Asia Pacific
Asian Business Coalition on AIDS
Asian Conservation Company, Philippines
Ayala Corporation, Philippines
The Body Shop International, Asia Pacific
CARD Bank, Philippines
Central Azucarera Don Pedro, Philippines
Figaro Coffee Corporation, Philippines
First Philippine Holdings, Philippines
Global Alliance, United States
Habitat for Humanity, Philippines
International Labor Organization
Knowledge Institute, Philippines
Koalisi Indonesia Setasi (Coalition for Healthy Indonesia)
League of Corporate Foundations, Philippines
Luen Thai International Group, Ltd., Hong Kong
Makati Business Club, Philippines
Manila Electric Company, Philippines
Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company, Philippines
Mirant Philippines
Nestlé Philippines
Nike Corporation, Southeast Asia
Petron, Philippines
Pfizer, Philippines
Philex Mining Corporation, Philippines
Philippine Business for Social Progress
Philippine Business for the Environment
Planters Development Bank, Philippines
Pranda Jewelry Public Company Ltd, Thailand
Republika Newspaper, Indonesia
Rizal Commmercial Banking Corporation, Philippines
Shangri-La Asia Limited (Rasa Sayang Resort, Malaysia)
Shell Companies in the Philippines
Suan Ngung Mee Ma Company, Thailand
UNICEF
United Nations Development Fund for Women
Verite, Southeast Asia
World Business Council for Sustainable Development
Yazaki-Torres, Philippines
Yuhan-Kimberly, Korea
Zuellig, Philippines

Asia's foremost CONFERENCE and EXPO on Corporate Social Responsibility

ASIAN FORUM on Corporate Social Responsibility MANILA 2002

LEAGUE OF CORPORATE FOUNDATIONS

ABS-CBN FOUNDATION, INC.

A better world for our children

PROGRAMS:

BANTAY BATA 163
Providing care and assistance to child abuse survivors, undertaking pro-active projects for child abuse prevention.

BANTAY KALIKASAN
Catalyzing initiatives and environmental media advocacy to ensure a sustainable environment.

E-MEDIA (Education through Multi-media)
Producing television and radio shows that aim to educate children and enable them to reach their full potential.

BANTAY KINABUKASAN
Establishing replicable models for poverty alleviation.

ABS-CBN BAYAN FOUNDATION, INC.
Providing opportunities for socio-economic development for the underprivileged.

Phones: 411.0850 • 411.0851
http://www.abs-cbnfoundation.com
E-mail: foundation@abs.pinoycentral.com

It all starts with a vision
Of children, for children

Of a community
built with love
With compassion

Where the wind
whispers a gentle song
Where the water
tastes of laughter

We are building
A classroom without walls
A village without boundaries
A future of faith and hope

LAYING THE FOUNDATION
FOR DREAMS TO COME TRUE

Nestlé
Good Food, Good Life™

www.nestle.com.ph

EXTENDED UNTIL JULY 31, 2002.
APPROVED BY DTI-NCR.

The Leader In Home Financing
BPI FAMILY BANK
Now Offers You Our

LOWEST MONTHLY AMORTIZATIONS EVER!

Choose any one of these 3 options:

P1,015.00 a month FIXED for 1 year
P1,106.00 a month FIXED for 2 years
P1,200.00 a month FIXED for 3 years

For every loan amount of ₱100,000
with a 15-year loan term.
Minimum loan amount is ₱400,000.

PLUS! FAST 5-day Credit Decision.

We are also waiving application fees.

These offers are good from
May 3 to June 30, 2002 only.

So why wait? Decide now and take advantage of these really affordable housing loan packages only from BPI Family Bank.

CALL 89-100 NOW!

Or call 845-6888. Or drop by any BPI, BPI Family Bank branch or Express Banking Center nearest you.

For inquiries outside Metro Manila, call BPI Family Bank Provincial Business Centers: Dagupan: (075) 522-0372/73; 523-4679 San Fernando, Pampanga: (045) 963-5524 • Lipa: (043) 757-1000/02 • Cebu: (032) 231-3395 • Iloilo: (033) 335-0229 Bacolod: (034)435-0639;433-4328 • Cagayan De Oro: (08822) 726-067 • Davao: (082) 224-0931/34

You may also fill out this form and fax to 754-6333 and we'll call you within 24 hours.

CALL ME! I want to know how I can get BPI Family Bank Happy Family Housing Loan's lowest monthly amortization.

Name ______________________
Telephone No. ______________________
Cellphone No. ______________________
E-mail Address ______________________

Globe Handyphone subscribers may also send CONTACT BPIFB <name and contact number> to 2211.* And we'll call within 24 hours.

*Charges: P2.00 per message sent for post paid subscribers.
P2.50 per message sent for pre-paid subscribers.

Per DTI-NCR Permit No.1728 Series of 2002

BPI FAMILY BANK
HAPPY FAMILY HOUSING LOAN

International companies at the helm of CSR forum

THE IMPORTANCE of corporate social responsibility reaches a high point as the giants of Philippine business support the first Asian Forum on Corporate Social Responsibility. Presented by the Asian Institute of Management Ramon de Rosario, Sr. Center for Corporate Responsibility (AIM-RVR Center), the Forum is on July 2-4, 2002 at the Dusit Hotel Nikko Manila in Makati City.

Petroleum company Pilipinas Shell and energy-provider Mirant Philippines, as strategic corporate partners, lead the Philippine companies which have pledged their support for the forum which is considered Asia's foremost conference and expo on corporate social responsibility.

The official industry partners of the Forum include Ayala Corporation, Ayala Land, Bank of the Philippine Islands, Globe Telecoms, AIG Philippines, Philamlife Insurance, First Generation Holding Corporation, and CAL Energy. Official publications of the Forum are Asian Inc., Business Traveller, Philippine Daily Inquirer, The Daily Star, Korea Trade, and Finance India. ABS-CBN is the official TV Network.

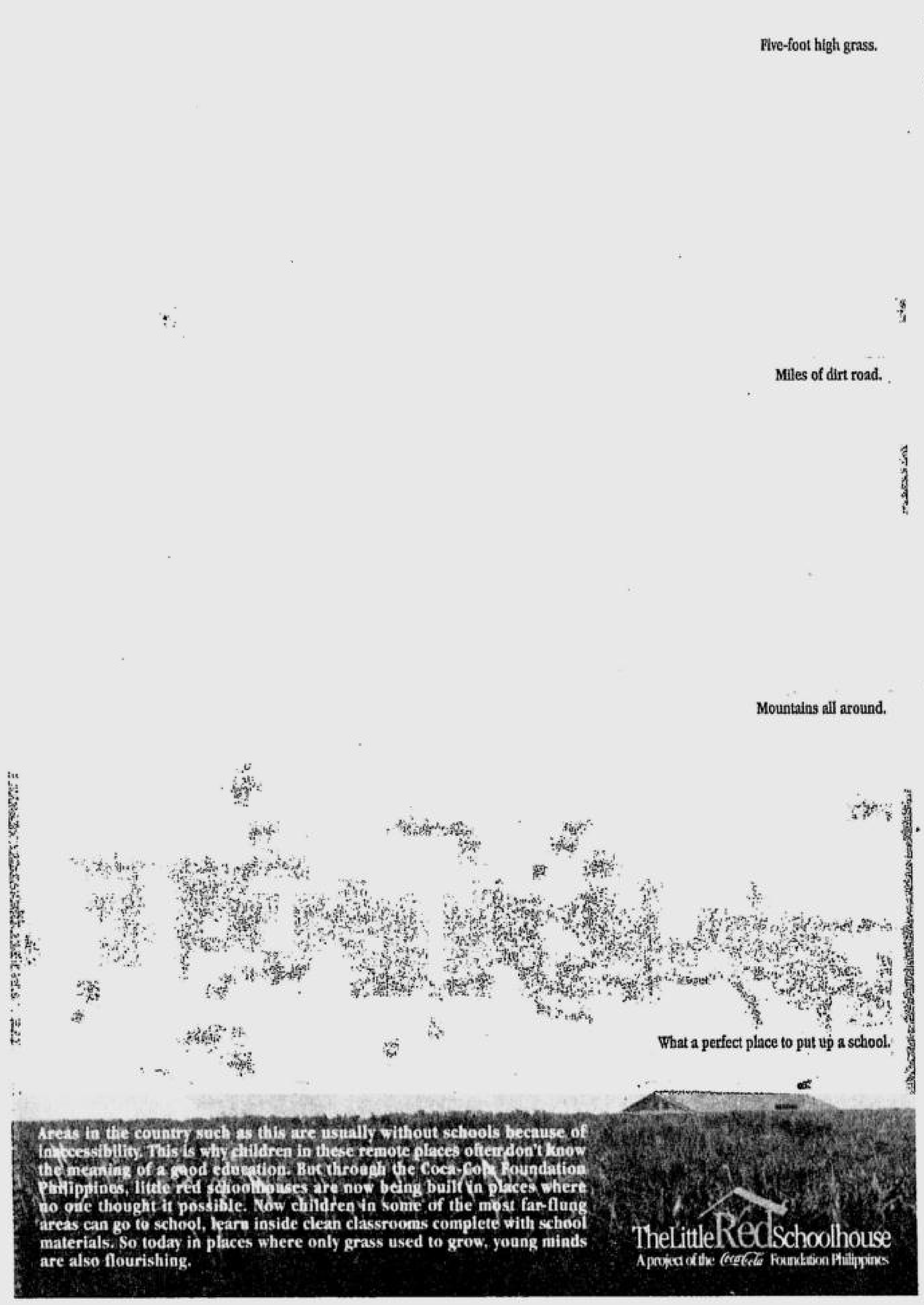
The Forum, with the theme Asian Business for Society, aims to improve social relations and heighten the environmental awareness of the key players in the corporate world. Internationally-renowned speakers will share first-hand knowledge of the environment-and socially-friendly management trends and innovations of the times and the best ways to adapt them. The Forum also showcases the latest solutions, products and technologies used by companies to improve quality, reduce costs and increase productivity while still being socially responsible.

Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and Her Excellency Corazon C. Aquino will address forum participants. The forum is chaired by Ramon R. del Rosario, Jr., chairman of the Board of Advisors of the AIM-RVR Center and formers secretary of finance.

The event is organized in cooperation with the Asia Pacific Philanthropy Consortium, Caucus of Development NGO Networks (CODE-NGO), Conference of Asian Foundations and Organizations. Employers Confederation of the Philippines, Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc., The Ford Foundation (Philippines), League of Corporate Foundations, Makati Business Club, Philippine Business for Social Progress, Philippine Business for the Environment, The Synergos Institute, UN Global Compact/UNDP, and Women's Business Council of the Philippines.

Johnson+Johnson and the ABS-CBN Foundation
TOGETHER IN CREATING A BETTER WORLD
FOR THE FILIPINO CHILDREN
8 Years
CONFERENCE RO
CBN Foundation
MO. IGNACIA AVE.
JUNE 10, 2002
ABS-CB

J&J PRESIDENT and managing director Grace Castaño (second from left) and director for external affairs Poch Robles sign the MOA with ABS-CBN Foundation managing director Gina Lopez (third from left) and sales director Gina Mariano on the E-Media-Educational Television


Five-foot high grass.

Miles of dirt road.

Mountains all around.

What a perfect place to put up a school.

Areas in the country such as this are usually without schools because of inaccessibility. This is why children in these remote places often don't know the meaning of a good education. But through the Coca-Cola Foundation Philippines, little red schoolhouses are now being built in places where no one thought it possible. Now children in some of the most far-flung areas can go to school, learn inside clean classrooms complete with school materials. So today in places where only grass used to grow, young minds are also flourishing.

The Little Red Schoolhouse
A project of the Coca-Cola Foundation Philippines

We're taking back what we printed yesterday.

In our continuing effort to preserve the environment, we are accepting all kinds of old newspapers and tabloids to be used in making new issues of the Inquirer. That's because every issue is printed on recycled paper using soy-based ink. And every time you buy one, you support our cause to protect our natural resources. So sell us your old newspapers and we guarantee they'll be used to bring you the news. Now that's a promise we won't take back.

NEWSPAPER DRIVE
BECAUSE OLD NEWS IS GOOD NEWS.

For pick-ups:
Accumulate at least 200 kgs or 17 ft tall of old newspapers, and The Inquirer can pick them up from you within Metro Manila. Just call Zane Ronquillo at 897-8808 loc. 209/239. FEP will receive newspapers from 8am to 4:30pm on weekdays in Makati and 9am to 5pm in Cebu and Davao, until Oct. 5, 2002 only.

Please drop off your newspapers at the following:

MANILA: FEP Printing Press
loading dock, 3817 Mascardo St.
(behind The Inquirer Bldg.),
Chino Roces Avenue, Makati City
Tel. No.: 896-4286
Contact person: Yvette Castillo

CEBU: FEP Printing Press,
Warehouse #1, Menzi Compound
National Highway,
Pajo, Lapu-Lapu City
Tel. No.: (032) 340-7970 to 71
Contact person: Lenny Brua

DAVAO: FEP Printing Press
loading dock, Brgy. Ma-A,
Ma-A Road, Davao City
Tel.No.: (082) 244-1711 to 12
Contact person: Rowena Balandra

Sellers will be paid P3.00/kilo.

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
News that makes a difference.

E-learning. For the future with Coca-Cola ed.venture

IT STARTED at a leadership meeting set amidst the Sydney Olympics almost two years ago, when the chairman of The Coca-Cola Company, Doug Daft, met the chairman of the e-ASEAN Task Force, Roberto Romulo (who is a former Foreign Secretary and retired IBM senior executive). Awed perhaps by the information and communications technology around them, they discussed the "digital divide" separating entire countries in Asia, with the gap continually becoming wider in favor of industrialized economies.

The result is "Coca-Cola ed.venture," a pan –Asian program which aims to help bridge that digital divide. To thousands of Filipino students in 14 public high schools from Hilongos in Leyte to parang in Marikina, However, Coca-Cola ed.venture has given them one school activity nobody wants to be absent from – surfing the internet!

They do this not in stuffy classrooms, not with lifeless textbooks, but hands-on in gleaming new "Coca-Cola ed.venture centers" – fully equipped, air-conditioned computer labs filled with brand new, internet-connected Pentium III computers.

Amid the delighted faces, it is easy to forget that the stakes are high: these students form part of a new generation of Filipino youth now being equipped with IT skills for the New Economy (even of they're having too much fun to notice it). In fact, Coca-Cola ed.venture fits with the Philippine governments' call for private sector cooperation in providing access to broad-based IT education.

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo who hosted the program's launch in the Philippines at the presidential palace in April2001, has called it "an innovative effort to help close the digital gap in the country.»

Secretary of Education Raul Roco, who was guest of honor at an ed.venture center inaugural in Quezon City last March, started that the program will help Filipino students acquire skills to be globally competitive, while enabling public schoolteachers to adopt to changes in technology.

Each ed-venture center is "attached" to a public high school selected by the Department of Education. The school assumes responsibility for maintaining the new facility, which houses an average of 15 to 20 brand-new Pentium III computers each.

The 14 ed.venture centers are in the Quirino High School in Quezon City, Rizal High School Sagad Annex in Pasig City, Negros Oriental National High School in Dumaguete City, Camanjac National High School in Negros Oriental, Manga National High School in Tagbilaran City, San Roque High School in Bohol, Bitoon National Vocational School in Cebu, Cansojong National High School in Cebu, Tayud National High School in Cebu, Ipil National High School in Ormoc City, Hilongos National Vocational High School in Leyte, Guimbal National High School in Iloilo, Passi National High School in Iloilo and Parang high School in Marikina City. The 15th ed.venture center, which completes the initial phase of the program in the Philippines, will be installed shortly.

The program brings exciting e-learning opportunities and IT training resources not only to students, but also to public high schoolteachers with their own comprehensive IT training course, and local communities.

According to Tayud National High School teacher Adelaida Gabijan, she is now able to make lessons more interesting through power point slide shows. This is a big advantage, she says, over teachers "who just use chalk and blackboard."

Then there is the story of Tayud resident Nestor Auman. Nestor enrolled in a non-formal course at the same ed.venture center with one priority in mind; locate the anonymous American benefactor who financed, through an international charity called World Vision, the college education of one of his children. Using Internet explorer, Nestor at last found and communicated with the gentleman, expressing the deep gratitude he has been wanting to say for years. Nestor was close to tears as he recounted the event.

While using the ed.venture center may not be as dramatic for most, it is nonetheless meaningful. Today, some 10,000 Filipino students and 500 schoolteachers are already directly benefiting in the project's first phase, for which Coca-Cola commited an initial P17.5 million pesos (US$350.000)

FIT-ED program director Luli Macapagal-Arroyo, The Coca-Cola Company Philippines Division president James Harting and FIT-ED chair Roberto Romulo at the first Coca-Cola ed.venture center inaugural, Bitoon National Vocational School, in Dumanjug. Cebu

"A mission statement we call 'The Coca-Cola Promise' states simply that 'we exist to benefit and refresh everyone who is touched by our business." The Coca-Cola ed.venture is an exciting way to fulfill that promise in the Philippines.

The program is a partnership between Coca-Cola and the Manila-based Foundation for Philippine Technology Education and Development (FIT-ED), a non-governmental organization that aims to increase IT awareness in the Philippines.

FIT-ED is chaired by Mr. Romulo, who is also senior Presidential Advisor on International Competitiveness. Presidential daughter Luli Macapagal-Arroyo is FIT-ED director.

"In this partnership with Coca-Cola, we have a three-pronged approach," said Secretary Romulo. "In many instances in the past, people tried to overcome the digital divide by donating computers to schools, but they just got stuck in the closet because the teachers didn't know how to operate them. Thus, number one is to teach the teachers the use of computers. Secondly, to teach the teachers the use of the Internet and take advantage of it. And third, to incorporate it into the curriculum."

FIT-ED will also organize a "Telecollaboration Competition" among schools where, in a spirit of healthy competition, the best telecollaborative project for Math, Science, History, and Language and the Arts will be awarded. This is to encourage the schools to use the Internet to enrich both learning and teaching in these major subjects.

Apart from the Philippines, Coca-Cola has also rolled out major e-learning and connectivity projects in China, Australia, Malaysia and Vietnam, bringing a radically new dimension to educational benefits and opportunities to thousands of young people and their communities across the region.

It is all part of The Coca-Cola Promise.

---

people helping people

people helping people
SM Foundation

Since its establishment in 1983, SM Foundation has been reaching out to various sectors of the community.

Our Scholarship Program, started in 1993, maintains 400 scholars in various educational institutions at any given time. To date, we have 440 graduates and the number continues to grow each year.

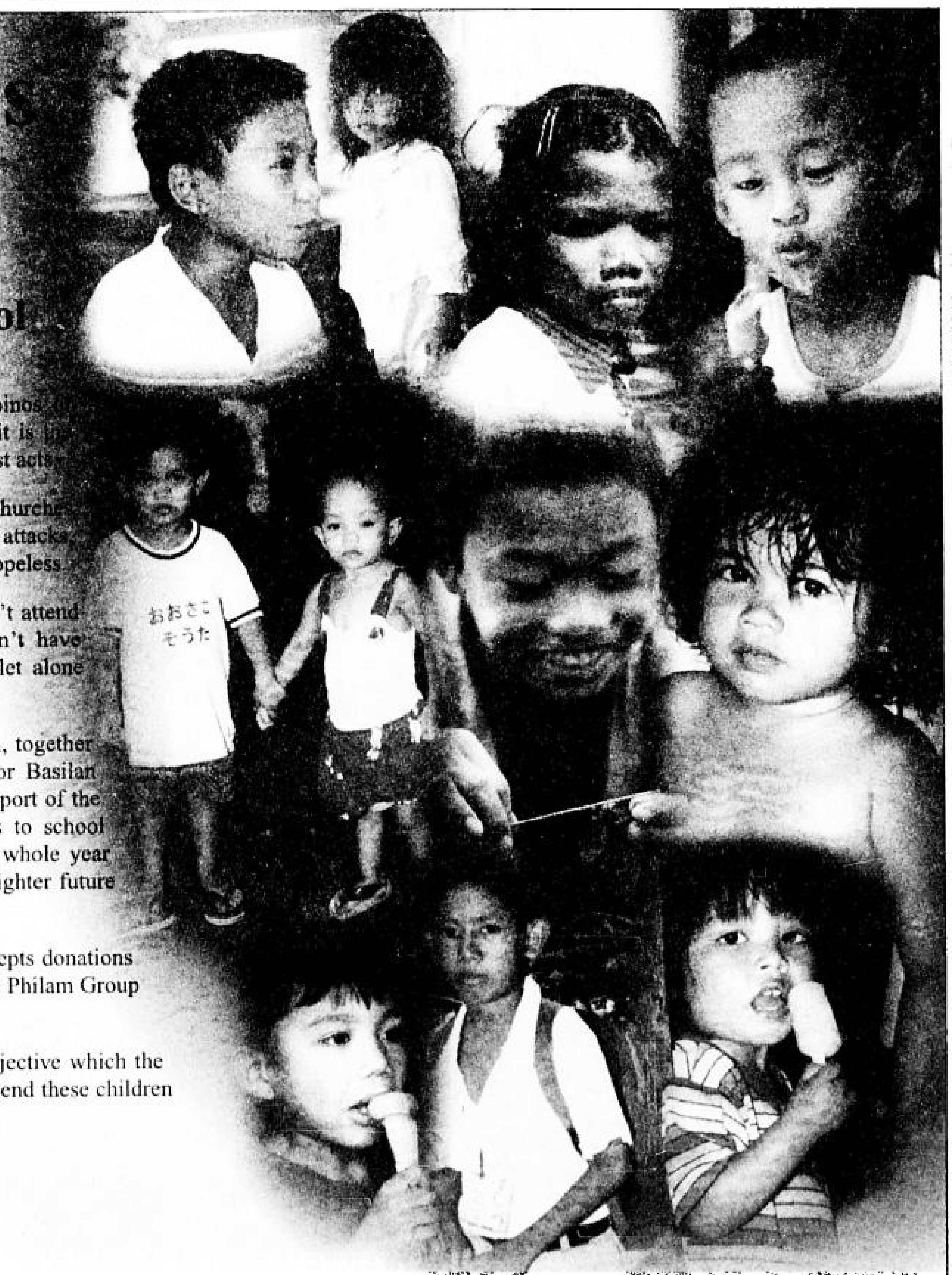
We have medical missions and hospital activity centers for the poor and the sick, as well as religious community projects.

Our mall-based outreach programs bring together SM shoppers, civic organizations, and the media to help the less fortunate children and families, the sick and disabled, public school libraries.

Sharing, caring, and making a difference. That's the principle of people helping people at work!

Philam Foundation's ABC Fund Drive:

Helping send Basilan children back to school



The ongoing war in Mindanao, particularly in Basilan, has robbed countless Filipinos of their means of livelihood, homes and even their future. Sadly, in the midst of it all, it is the children who bear the consequences of the cruelties and ravages of war and other terrorist acts.

Needless to say, violence and fear continue to engulf and ruin communities, homes, churches as well as schools in Basilan. Because learning institutions are not exempt from these attacks, the children's basic right to education is disrupted, making their future look bleak and hopeless.

But even if some schools are still operating in Basilan, many of these children can't attend their normal classes because they are either too weak or hungry, or simply don't have transportation fare. Some of these children also have no *baon*, books and pencils, let alone uniforms which they need for their schooling.

In its effort to make these children continue their education, the Philam Foundation, together with the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP), has launched the "Aid for Basilan Children," or ABC Fund Drive. The project aims to raise funds for the educational support of the children of Basilan. Through donations, these children will be able to have access to school materials, nutritious meals and transportation fare so that they can go to school the whole year round. Any amount of money will definitely go a long way towards giving them a brighter future through education.

But obtaining that goal is impossible without your help. The Philam Foundation accepts donations through its nearest business centers and branch offices or any member-companies of the Philam Group of Companies.

Giving these children another chance to continue their education is a long-term objective which the Philam Foundation and the PBSP want to achieve through the ABC Fund Drive. Help send these children back to school by making that contribution now!

PHILAM
ABC
AID for Basilan Children
FUND

Philippine Business
for Social Progress

www.ephilam.com

*Philam Life, Philam Insurance, Philam Care, Philam Plans, Philam Savings Bank, Philam Asset Management, Philam Properties, AIG Credit Card Company Philippines, Inc.

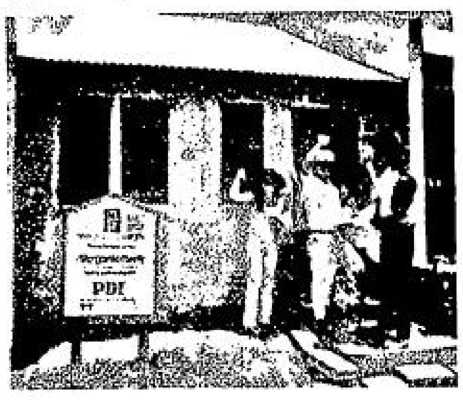
Practicing socially responsible journalism

JOURNALISTS make their mark by advocating principles and presenting the truth, even at the cost of their lives. With a very eventful history, the Philippine Daily Inquirer recognizes that threats are part of the job. However, fearless journalism is not the only thing the Inquirer espouses. In its last 16 years of existence, the practice of corporate citizenship has always been one of the newspaper's guiding principles.

Knowing that poverty is one of the country's biggest problems, the Inquirer has been committing itself to various poverty alleviation projects. Just last June 5, the newspaper expanded its "New Paper" Drive to Cebu and Davao to further promote solid waste management and minimize the use of landfills and dumpsites posing health hazards in the nation's poorer areas. This year, the League of Corporate Foundations (LCF), of which Inquirer is a member, adopted the drive as a fund-raising initiative to benefit the country's poor. LCF will donate half of its proceeds from the sale of old newspapers and tabloids to poverty reduction programs.

Aside from the New Paper Drive, the Inquirer also established the Newsboy Foundation and is currently active in programs like Tabang Mindanaw, Children's Hour, and Habitat for Humanity.

Cognizant of education's power over poverty, the Inquirer established the Newsboy Foundation in 1993. By donating a percentage of sales from every copy of the Philippine Daily Inquirer sold, deserving newsboys (and girls) are enabled to attend pre-selected schools, colleges and universities. Awarding ceremonies are held after every schoolyear to recognize the most outstanding scholars, who are given cash prizes and bookstore gift certificates to augment their studies. Just last year, the donation of more than P850,000 gave 345 children the chance to go to school.



Tabang Mindanaw responds to the needs of displaced Lumads and those in other drought and conflict-affected areas in Mindanao. By providing coverage through articles and free ad space worth over P2 million, the Inquirer helped raise more than P8.6 million used to cover relief operations in eight Mindanao municipalities. The funds also helped establish community rehabilitation programs and learning farms, as well as provide food relief and medical assistance to more than 255,000 families and over 50,000 individuals.

Originating in the United Kingdom, Children's Hour is a fund-raising campaign calling on employees to donate an hour's worth of their earnings at the end of 2000 to benefit children suffering from poverty, abuse, and neglect. The Inquirer joined the campaign hoping to help address the educational, health, and emotional needs of the country's disadvantaged children. Through free ads worth over P1 million and its employees contribution of more than P300,000 through an hour's worth of earnings, the Inquirer helped raise over P35 million for more than 88,000 children being cared for by 30 organizations and pediatric wards nationwide.

To help boost the country's efforts at addressing widespread poverty, the Inquirer also joined the Habitat for Humanity family as print media partner and corporate sponsor. Yearly, more than P1 million of free ads are contributed to help eradicate poverty housing and ensure safe and low-cost homes for the country's poor. Inquirer employees have also been helping build houses in various Habitat communities nationwide. To date, Habitat has built more than 5,000 homes in 27 sites since it came to the country in 1988.

Aside from its participation in these campaigns and programs, the Inquirer also publishes articles on indigent cases. Through the generosity of its readers, financial and medical assistance have been given to those who cannot afford decent hospitalization. Just this year alone, more than P600,000 has been raised to help kidney patients receive full medical attention.

The Inquirer hopes that by taking one step further, that is engaging in issues and not just discussing them, more companies and individuals will devote themselves to social responsibility. A united effort from all sectors is what the country needs to uplift itself. Through fearless journalism, as well as initiatives and partnerships, the Inquirer hopes to leave its own distinct mark.

"SAVE LIVES, BE A BLOOD DONOR"

IN THE spirit of volunteerism and as an expression of the Metrobank Group's Corporate Social Responsibility, the Metrobank, the Metrobank Foundation, the Metrobankers Foundation and the Manila Doctors Hospital will conduct a Mass Bloodletting Drive on July 4, 2002 at the 2nd Floor Auditorium of the Metrobank Plaza. This will be conducted as part of this year's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Week of the League of Corporate Foundations, of which the Metrobank Foundation is an active member.

The donated blood will go to the Manila Doctors Hospital Blood Bank and will be used for patients requiring blood for their surgical operations or for transfusion. The Department of Health is advocating for voluntary blood donation as against buying of blood from commercial blood banks. Donors qualify for membership to the Manila Doctors Hospital Voluntary Blood Donation and Assurance Program, assuring them of the availability of blood at any time, even if confined outside Manila Doctors Hospital.

"SAMA-SAMA SA MALUSOG NA BARANGAY"

IN PURSUIT of the mission to respond to the needs of the disadvantaged, the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. (MBFI), the Manila Doctors Hospital (MDH) and the Manila Doctors College (MDC) have started to implement a Community Integrated Development Program in the underprivileged community of Sitio Puting Bato in Navotas. This program, dubbed as "Sama-sama sa Malusog na Barangay," is designed to empower the community towards self-reliance.

Since the community was officially adopted last November 8, 1999, the Foundation, MDH and MDC have implemented projects which aim to promote the well-being of the residents and eventually improve their quality of life. Their efforts, however, are focused on health care development, this being the entry point of the Community Integrated Development Program.

As part of the annual celebration of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Week that is spearheaded by the League of Corporate Foundations, several activities will be conducted in Sitio Puting Bato on July 5, 2002. The highlight of these activities will be a Feeding Program to be participated in by DOH Secretary Manuel Dayrit, who will serve as the guest of honor for the event. This program is very timely since the month of July has been declared by DOH as Nutrition Month.

The Community Integrated Development Program highlights the alliance of the government and the private sector in alleviating poverty among our people.

LCF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 2001 - July 2002

Ma. Aurora Francisco-Tolentino
CHAIR
(Executive Director,
Ayala Foundation, Inc.)

Ma. Cecilia L. Alcantara
PRESIDENT
(President,
Coca-Cola Foundation Philippines, Inc.)

Lydia P. Sarmiento-Enrile
VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMS
AND MEMBERSHIP
(President & Executive Director,
Sarmiento Foundation, Inc.)

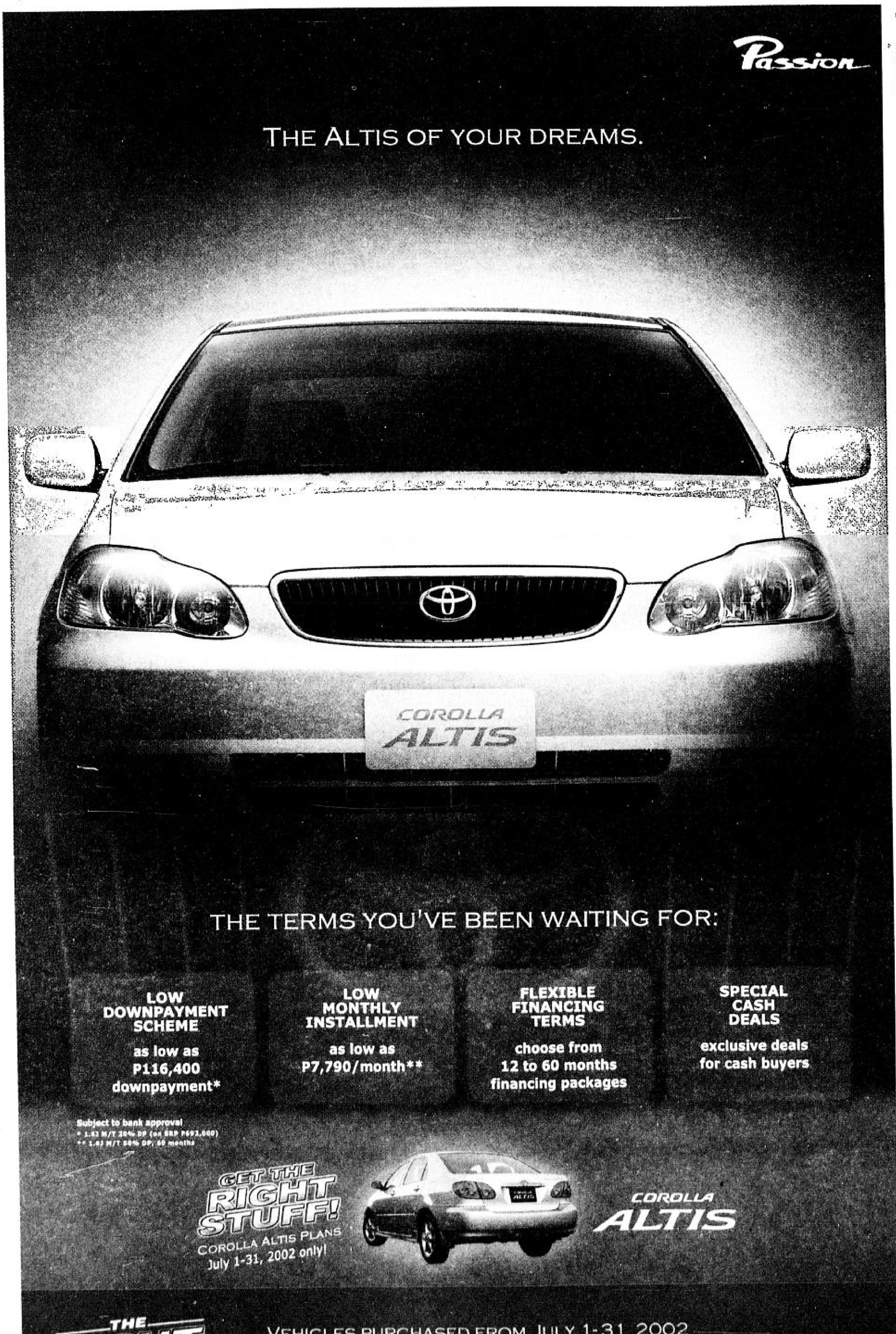
Marilou G. Erni
VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS
(Executive Director,
Petron Foundation, Inc.)

Miguel Angelo C. Villa-Real
CORPORATE SECRETARY
(Manager, BPI Foundation, Inc.)

Gil T. Salazar
TREASURER
(Executive Director,
Philippine Business for Social Progress)

Dulce Festin-Baybay
PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR
(Public Relations Head,
ABS-CBN Foundation, Inc.)

Arturo Cariaga
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
League of Corporate Foundations
Tel nos. 892-9189; 8929084 Telefax
e-mail: lcfdn@edsamail.com.ph


Passion

THE ALTIS OF YOUR DREAMS.

COROLLA ALTIS

THE TERMS YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR:

LOW DOWNPAYMENT SCHEME
as low as P116,400 downpayment*

LOW MONTHLY INSTALLMENT
as low as P7,790/month**

FLEXIBLE FINANCING TERMS
choose from 12 to 60 months financing packages

SPECIAL CASH DEALS
exclusive deals for cash buyers

Subject to bank approval
* 1.63 M/T 20% DP (on SRP P691,000)
** 1.63 M/T 50% DP, 60 months

GET THE RIGHT STUFF!
COROLLA ALTIS PLANS
July 1-31, 2002 only!

COROLLA ALTIS

THE RIGHT STUFF! WARRANTY

VEHICLES PURCHASED FROM JULY 1-31, 2002
AUTOMATICALLY COME WITH A
3 YEAR/100,000 KM. WARRANTY.*
* EXCEPT FOR THE TAMARAW FX WAGON STANDARD, HIGH SIDE PICK-UP AND CAB & CHASSIS

TOYOTA

Promo extended until July 31, 2002 as approved by DTI-NCR
Per DTI Permit no. 2674 Series of 2002

TOYOTA ALABANG, Alabang Zapote Road cor Concha Cruz Drive Las Piñas M.M. 800 0801 to 32 802 1991 TOYOTA BACOLOD CITY, Gardenville Subdivision, Araneta St., Bacolod City (034) 444-1811 to 13 TOYOTA BAGUIO CITY Bokawkan Road cor Aguila St Baguio City (074) 300 3273 to 74/ (074) 443-6778 TOYOTA BALINTAWAK-MAIN EDSA cor. Vicente Ang & Gen. Evangelista Sts., Kalookan City 366-8901 to 06/ 364-1547 to 50/ 364-4071 to 75 TOYOTA BALINTAWAK-NORTH, 1010 Epifanio Delos Santos Ave. (EDSA), Quezon City 927-7215 / 17 . 30 / 39 . 927 7242 / 44 . 48 / 52 / 927-7257/ 62/ 65/ 927-7268 / 69 TOYOTA BATANGAS CITY, Diversion Road, Barangay Balagtas, Batangas City (043) 723 7386 TOYOTA BEL-AIR, Ayala cor. Metropolitan Aves., Makati City 897-3333 TOYOTA CABANATUAN CITY, Km. 118 Maharlika Highway, Daang Sarile, Cabanatuan City (044) 463 8481 to 87 TOYOTA CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, Km. 3 National Highway, Kauswagan, Cagayan De Oro City (08822) 735-770/791/ 846/ (088) 858 9904/ (088) 858 7770 TOYOTA CEBU CITY, 34 M J. Cuenco St. Cebu City (032) 253-1161 TOYOTA CEBU-MANDAUE, Tabok, Mandaue City (032) 345 8670 TOYOTA COMMONWEALTH, Commonwealth Ave., Quezon City 952 1021 to 27 TOYOTA CUBAO MAIN, 926 Aurora Blvd., Cubao Quezon City 911-0651 to 63 TOYOTA CUBAO MARIKINA, [illegible] Sumulong Highway cor. Toyota Ave. [illegible] TOYOTA DAGUPAN CITY, Diversion Road, Barangay San Miguel, Calasiao, Pangasinan (075) 522-6771/ 6734 (075) 517-2026 to 28 TOYOTA DAVAO CITY Km. 6 Lanang, Davao City [illegible] TOYOTA ILOILO CITY [illegible] TOYOTA MANILA BAY [illegible] TOYOTA QUEZON [illegible] City 832 3468 to 10 832 3432 to 34 832 1384 832 1417 TOYOTA OTIS [illegible] TOYOTA PASONG TAMO [illegible] TOYOTA QUEZON AVENUE 728 Quezon Ave. Quezon City 712 5001 to 06 TOYOTA SHAW-MAIN, [illegible] TOYOTA SHAW-ORTIGAS [illegible]